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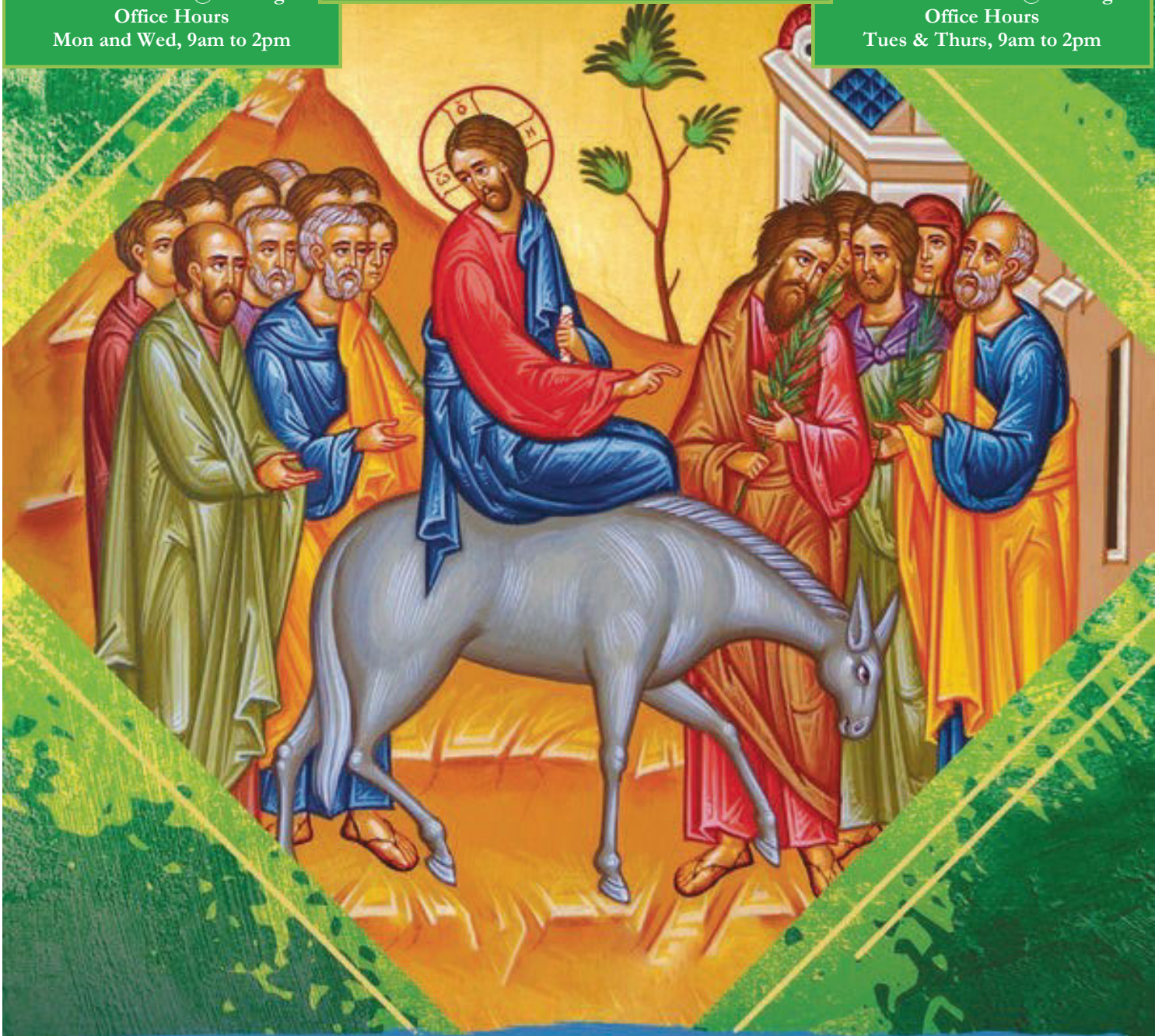
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!” - Mk 11:9

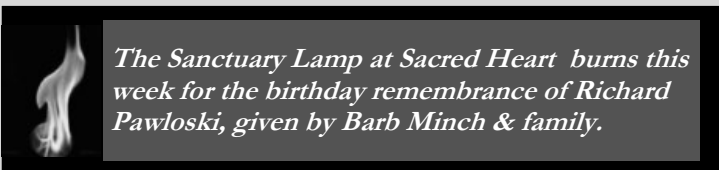


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† Altar wine at **Saint Cecilia** for the month of **March** has been donated *in loving memory of Bernie LaRose* at the request of *his 4 daughters*.

† Altar hosts at **Saint Cecilia** for the month of **March** have been donated *for the strength & healing of Diana LaRose* at the request of *her 4 daughters*



MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar 23, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † Birthday remembrance of Richard Pawloski, requested by Barb Minch & family.
2.) † For the repose of the soul of Patricia Slezak, requested by Barbara Krawiecki.

Sun. Mar 24, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) † In loving memory of Eileen Stitt, requested by her sister Kathleen Harris.
2.) † In loving memory of David & Margaret Miccinelli, requested by the Yetto family.

Tue. Mar. 26 thru Sun. Mar. 31, 2024

Tue. Mar 26, 8:00 am (SH) - Holy Mass of Holy Week.

Wed. Mar 27, 8:00 am (SC) - Holy Mass of Holy Week.

Thurs. Mar 28, 6:00 pm (SC) - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. Mar 29, 3:00 pm (SC) - Good Friday Liturgy: Passion of the Lord.
 ** Station of the Cross –(SH) 6:30pm

Sat. Mar 30, 12:00 noon (SH) - Blessing of the Food Baskets.
 ** Easter Vigil Mass –(SH) 7:30pm

Sun. Mar 31 - Easter Sunday Mass. Saint Cecilia- 9:00am Sacred Heart- 10:30am



March Schedule



21 Thursday: Chrim Mass at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Albany; 7PM

25 Monday: Holy Mass of Holy Week at St. Mary's Church-Amsterdam; 8AM (Penance Service Any Time After Holy Mass)

26 Tuesday: Holy Mass of Holy Week at Sacred Heart's Church; 8AM (Penance Service After Holy Mass 840AM -920AM)

27 Wednesday: Holy Mass of Holy Week at St. Cecilia's Church; 8AM
 **Penance Service for the Network of Churches: St. Cecilia, Sacred Heart, St. Stephen, Mount Carmel, St. Stanislaus at St. Mary's Church 6PM -730PM

28 Holy Thursday (white): Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: St. Cecilia's Church; 6PM followed by a Community Night Prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament

29 Good Friday Liturgy: Passion of the Lord: St. Cecilia's Church; 3PM with Veneration of the Holy Cross, Communion Service
 **Station of the Cross Devotion: Sacred Heart's Church at 630PM

**Note: We Need Volunteers for the Church's Decoration for Easter celebration*

30 Holy Saturday: Sacred Heart's Church at 12Noon; "Blessing of Easter Food Baskets" (this is some of the Easter Food a family brings to the Church for blessing by our priest . This tradition is symbol of gratitude to God & joy of the Easter celebration which a family after the Easter Vigil Liturgy will joyfully eat and share to the poor families located in our county).
 **30 Easter Vigil Mass will be: Sacred Heart's Church; 730PM. You can bring some candles for your personal/family "candle-lighting devotions" and water in plastic bottles and will be included in the Easter Vigil blessing liturgy.

31 Easter Sunday MASS: St. Cecilia's Church; 9AM and Sacred Heart's Church; 1030AM

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 23 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Chris Caffrey Tony Stellato	Mar 30 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Kathy Marcais Cathy Parry Tony Stellato
Mar 24 (SC)	Ann Mahon Dave Marcais Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare	Mar 31 (SC)	James Wray Ken Stuff Diane Kierpiec Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Mar 25 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery	Apr 1 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski
Apr 1 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Apr 1 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

Food Pantry

Mar 27 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon
Apr 3 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



**“Restore to me
the joy of your
salvation, &
uphold me
with a willing
spirit.”** Psalm 51:14



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reconciliation/Confession Service: On Wednesday, March 27 there will be a Reconciliation/Confession Service for the parishioners of St. Mary's-Amsterdam, St. Stephen's-Hagaman, St. Cecilia's-Fonda, Sacred Heart's-Tribes Hill, St. Stanislaw's-Amsterdam & Mt. Carmel's-Amsterdam starting at **6PM** in **St. Mary's Church**-Amsterdam. Please join us & bring your family members.

St Cecilia Chicken 'n Biscuit Fundraiser: A Chicken 'n Biscuit fundraiser will be held Winner's Circle in Fonda on April 24 from 4:00-8:00pm. The cost is \$15. Donations of cookies are needed to accompany meals.

Healing Mass: The First Thursday of each month we invite you at Sacred Heart's Church at 630 PM for a Healing Mass, Short Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing with Sacred Oil & Rosary prayer, a Potluck Refreshment and a chance to meet parishioners. Please bring your family & friends!

Upcoming Second Collections:
March 29 - Holy Land

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024 CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

PARISH:	SH	SC
ASSESSMENT	7923.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	4179.00	2615.00
BALANCE	3744.00	2385.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **“looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve” (Mk 11:11)** for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and “marry” the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited “I do” to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— *Father John Muir*
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Time Change for Mass/Faith Formation

Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia will move to 9:00am with Faith Formation classes to follow beginning April 7

COLLECTIONS TOTALS

MAR 16 & 17, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	539.00	1548.00
EASTER FLWRS	256.00	359.00
OTHER	425.00	108.00
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