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*O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine
Do keep us near to Thee
And make our love so like to Thine
That we may holy be*

[REFRAIN]

*Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine*

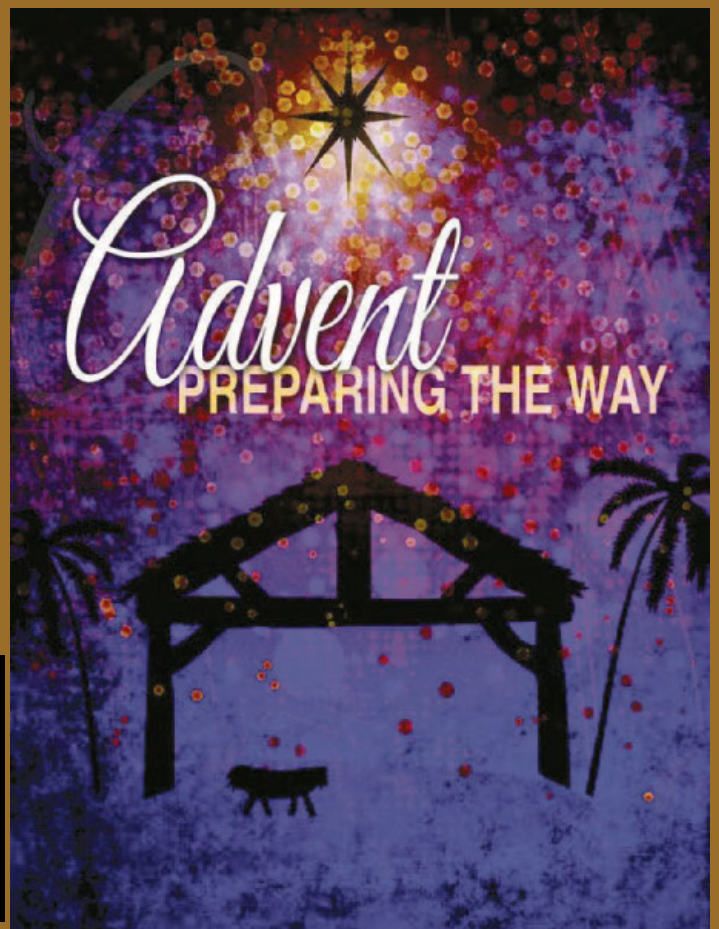
*O Temple pure, O House of gold
Our Heaven here below
What sweet delights, what wealth untold
From Thee do ever flow [REF]*

*Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts
The hearts of men have been
To wound Thy side with cruel darts
Which they have made by sin [REF]*

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Families Needed for Advent Season

Each weekend of Advent Season a family is needed to lead the prayer for the lighting of the Advent Candle. There are sign up sheets in the vestibules.





† Altar wine at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **December** has been sponsored at the request of **Ron & Cathy Parry**.

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Sat. Nov 30, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In memory of Patricia Buchanan, requested by Lori & John Gidley.
2.) † In loving memory of Val, Veronica & Feliks Krawiecki, requested by Barbara.

Sun. Dec 1, 9:00 am (SC)- † In memory of Alphonso Mancini, requested by the Wray Family.

Tue. Dec 3 thru Sun. Dec 8, 2024

Tue. Dec 3, 8:00am (SH) - † In memory of Kathy Dopp, requested by Cathy Parry.

Wed. Dec 4, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Thurs. Dec 5, 6:30 am (SH) -For the people of the parish.

Fri. Dec 6, 8:00 pm (SC) - † In memory of Norman Paige, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

Sat. Dec 7 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In memory of Francis Opalka, requested by her daughter Barbara.
2.) † In memory of Patricia Buchanan, requested by Deb Swarczewski.

Sun. Dec 8, 9:00 am (SC)- † In memory of Alphonso Mancini, requested by Secular Franciscan Order, St Thomas More Fraternity.

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 intended.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
December 1, 2024 - First Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves “fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world” (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to “look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.”

-Father John Muir
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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 30 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Kathy Avery	Dec 7 (SH)	Katherine Downing Chris Caffrey
Dec 1 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Ken Stuff	Dec 8 (SC)	Ann Mahon Michele Furnare

Counters Schedule

Dec 2 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Dec 9 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell
Dec 2 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Dec 9 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

Food Pantry

Dec 4 (SH)	Barbara Bilins Wendy Hall
Dec 23 (SC)	Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation will be held ...

Sacred Heart - 12:15pm

Saint Cecilia –6:00pm

Families Needed For Advent Season: Families are needed for each weekend of Advent Season to lead the prayer for the lighting of the Advent Candle. There are signup sheets in the vestibules. If you have already volunteered for a weekend, please sign up on the sheet.

Sacred Heart Bakers Needed: We are looking for bakers willing to bake Christmas Cookies which will be made in to cookie trays to raise funds for our 150th Anniversary Celebration. Please bring your cookies to the church hall by 1:00 pm on Saturday December 21.

Saint Cecilia Weekly Raffle: Through the month of December (beginning Dec 1) we will be alternating a raffle weekly for baked good or a \$20 gift certificate from a local establishment. Raffle tickets will be \$1 per chance and will be available at the church entrance.

Sacred Heart 1st Annual Gingerbread House Competition: On Sunday December 15, we will hold our first annual gingerbread house coemption. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please sign up before December 1.

Saint Cecilia Bottle Drive: We will be collecting bottles/cans at St. Cecilia. There will be a receptacle in the vestibule and also in the hall.

St Cecilia Card Party: St. Cecilia's will be hosting a card party on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 1pm-4pm. All are welcome and please bring a friend or neighbor. Any questions, please call Dianne at 518-225-7842. Come join the fun!

Memorial Angel Ornaments: Purchase an angel ornament in memory of a loved one. Ornaments will be displayed on our Memory Tree in the church during Advent. Personalized ornaments are \$10 each. Order forms are in both parish vestibules. Any questions, please contact Jame @ 518-774-4892 or jlemiszk@nycap.rr.com

Save the Date—St. Kateri:

May 28, Thursday, 6:30 PM - A discussion on the book **A HEART FOR GOD** by Michael Youseff. This little book discusses the qualities the biblical figure King David of Israel had that were pleasing to God and what our life should look like if we have some of these qualities.

June 26, Thursday, 6:30 PM - A discussion on the book **PRAYER** by Bishop Robert Barron on the types of prayer in the Catholic tradition, comments by spiritual Masters, and how can I establish a solid routine of prayer.

**** For more information call the shrine at 518-853-3646 or Fr. Joe at 336-602-4412 ****

Second Collections
Dec 1- Christmas Flowers
Dec 8- Immaculate Conception

The 2025 Holy/Jubilee Year: 2024 - A YEAR OF PRAYER for the 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. He has also announced a year of prayer in preparation for the Jubilee. The Holy Father announced its launch on 21st January 2024, the fifth annual celebration of the 'Sunday of the Word of God'. Earlier, the Pope had written: "From now on I am happy to think that the year preceding the Jubilee event, 2024, will be dedicated to a great 'symphony' of prayer so as to rediscover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him." Recently, the Dicastery for Evangelization issued a prayer resource in Italian. "Teach Us to Pray" is now available online in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Polish. For free downloads, please visit: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/verso-il-giubileo/2024-anno-della-preghiera.html>

Calendar of Events

May 9, 2024 Pope Francis released the Bull of Indiction "Spes non confundit" (Hope does not disappoint)

December 24, 2024 Jubilee Year begins in Rome on the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

December 29, 2024 (Holy Family Sunday) Jubilee Year begins in local dioceses

December 28, 2025 (Holy Family Sunday) Jubilee Year concludes in local dioceses

January 6, 2026 Jubilee Year concludes in Rome

*Various Celebrations will occur throughout the year at the Vatican and in the Dioceses of the United States. For example, there will be weeks for artists, communicators, military, healthcare workers, persons with disabilities, deacons, youth, etc. For a complete calendar of these occasions, please visit Jubilee Celebration Calendar.pdf (usccb.org)

For a complete text of the Papal Bull <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/bolla.html> Several aspects of the Bull refer to liturgy and are well worth noting – Mass preparations; baptismal fonts; indulgences; the Common Date of Easter (the East and West will celebrate on the same date in 2025); reconciliation and missionaries of mercy; and more. It does not appear that local dioceses should formally have a "Holy Door," but the Bull does encourage local pilgrimages to cathedrals and other sacred places.

VATICAN RESOURCES -- <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

Resources/Webpages available in English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, Portuguese, Polish, Chinese and Arabic.

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