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Why do we go to church? Why attend Mass? Is it to fulfill an obligation mandated by the Church or to make us feel good for various reasons? If those things work out then that is an advantage but our reason for going isn't for our benefit, though often that happens. Our reason is for God's benefit; to give thanks and praise to the One who has given us everything we have and are. He has given us life and skills to use for his praise and benefit. Sure, we may put in the effort but even that comes from God so it should only make sense that we thank and praise Him for that.

I've heard many times that someone didn't like the priest/deacon or the homily. We usually put a lot of time, research and effort into our homilies. I know I pray that the Holy Spirit let my words touch the people or person God wants to hear them in the manner chosen by Him. That doesn't mean everyone will enjoy it or "get it". Though we hope to reach everyone in some way we don't always succeed. Some of us are better than others because of different gifts. Some can deliver their message with fewer words while others need more. No matter the circumstances we should always give our attention to the message and see what we can take with us.

Not everyone likes the music chosen or the instruments used. Some prefer no music at all while others like the entire Mass to be played or sung. Some like Latin used while others don't. Though most parishioners at each parish like their own traditions not everyone will be happy. Yet if we are there for God we will be there for the right reason no matter what.

Most Masses last less than an hour and we get upset if it goes longer. I have had tendencies to complain about that myself. Yet if we are there for God's benefit and not ours it shouldn't matter if it does. It's that much more time we are spending with our Lord. Sure, we have other events scheduled but we need to always put God first. Maybe even schedule other things later just in case Mass runs longer.

We aren't always going to leave Mass saying that was an amazing experience but if we leave knowing we have been there for God's sake because we love Him we will please Him more than we could ever say.

God Bless,
Deacon Joe



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

† Altar hosts at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **March** have been sponsored at the request of **Cathy & Ron Parry**.

† 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**

AMASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar 16, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † For the repose of the soul of **Eleanor English**, requested by **Tom**.

2.) † In memory of **Rita Lange & Margaret Hugo**, requested by the **Castle family**

Sun. Mar 17, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) † In loving memory of **Bailey Alexandria Field**, requested by **Mom, Dad and Sammy**.

2.) † In loving memory of **Hilda & Arthur Hayes**, requested by their daughter **Kathleen Harris**.

Tue. Mar. 19 thru Sun. Mar. 124, 2023

Tue. Mar 19, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Mar 20, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Thurs. Mar 21, 8:00 am (SH) - No intention requested.

Fri. Mar 22, 8:00 am (SC) - For the repose of the soul of **Susan Bowe**, requested by **Ann & John Mahon**.

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**.



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COLLECTIONS TOTALS

MAR 9 & 10, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1149.00	729.00
CATH REL SRVS	104.00	109.00
OTHER	135.00	679.00
FUNDRAISING	213.05	N/A
PARISH TOTAL	1497.05	1408.00

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 16 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Cathy Parry	Mar 23 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Chris Caffrey Tony Stellato
Mar 17 (SC)	James Wray Bill Quinn Ken Stuff	Mar 24 (SC)	Ann Mahon Dave Marcais Kathy Marcais

Counters Schedule

Mar 18 (SH)	Barb Bilins Deb Swarczewski	Mar 25 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery
Mar 18 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	Mar 25 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

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



New in 2023-2024, donors can apportion their Diocesan Appeal gift to one or more of 4 areas of focus listed below. Please indicate in the COMMENTS section when making your gift online if you want to apportion your gift to any buckets, including percentage of gift.



1. **General Budget Underwriting of Diocesan Services** - includes mission & operational support and vocations.

2. **Parish Mission Support Departments of the Diocese** - Within each individual parish is where we know the Catholic Church and the propensity for the fulfillment of our mission comes to life! Mission support of your parish happens via these Diocesan Departments: Catechist Formation, Evangelization, Faith Formation & Education, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care, Prayer & Worship, Respect Life, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Charities.

3. **Parish Operational Support Departments of the Diocese** - Our priority is to lift up your parish leader(s) and their staff to enable their focus on ministry to the faithful. Operations support for your parish happens via these Diocesan Departments: Canonical Services (ex. marital nullity), Accounting & Finance, Human Resources & Safe Environment, Building Management Services, Information Technology, Stewardship.

4. **Vocations** – underwriting the education of 16 men in formation for the priesthood.

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024		
CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE		
PARISH:	SH	SC
ASSESSMENT	7923.00	5000.00
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Fri -March 22 -Sacred Heart -6:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed in a Sacred Monstrance before & during the Devotion to the Stations of the Cross.



Time Change for Mass/Faith Formation
Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia will move to 9:00am with Faith Formation classes to follow at 10:00am beginning April 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Contributions: Along with the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10/wk.) you can now sponsor the altar wine and hosts in memory of a loved one. Wine and hosts will be \$20 each per month. You can stop by your parish office or even put the information in the collection basket for your chosen sponsorship (forms available in parish vestibules). Flower sponsorship will also be available after Lent. All sponsorships will be mentioned in the bulletin and at Mass announcements as well.

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.

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.

Weekly Mass: We record the 4 pm Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart. Please join us virtually for weekly Mass on Sacred Heart’s YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs_FDzyfvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriber

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!

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.

Upcoming Second Collections:
 March 16/17 - Easter Flowers
 March 29 - Holy Land

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