

ALWAYS REMEMBERED

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

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[†] Altar wine at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *May* has been sponsored *in loving memory of Marie Cranker* at the request of *John & Sheila Cranker.*

† Altar hosts at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *May* have been sponsored *in loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler* at the request of *John & Sheila Cranker.*



The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart burns this week with special intention.

AMASS SCHEDULE

<u>Sat. May 11, 4:00 pm (SH)</u> - † In loving memory of Frances Opalka, requested by her daughter Barbara.

<u>Sun. May 12, 9:00 am (SC)</u>- Prayers & blessings for a successful surgery, and recovery for Grace Furnare, requested by her grandmother Michele.

Tue. May 14 thru Sun. May 19, 2024

Tue. May 14, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

<u>Wed. May 15, 8:00 am (SC)</u> - † In memory of Nicholas Galeazza, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

<u>*Thurs. May 16, 8:00 am (SH) - Birthday blessings for Virginia Bilow, requested by the Healy family.*</u>

Fri. May 17, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. May 18, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In loving memory of AJ Smullen, requested by the DeRosa family.

<u>Sun. May 19, 9:00 am (SC)</u>- † In loving memory of Leo Perry, requested by his wife, Marcia.

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024 CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE				
PARISH:	SH	SC		
Assessment	7923.00	5000.00		
CONTRIBUTIONS	7932.00	2665.00		
BALANCE	00.00	2335.00		

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MAY 4/5 COLLECTIONS: SC SH WEEKLY COLLECTION 1633.00 755.00 OTHER 330.00 145.00 MAINT/REPAIR 389.00 367.00 PARISH TOTAL 1267.00 2352.00

The Seventh Sunday of Easter's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us how Peter and the other apostles chose to replace Judas, who had betrayed Jesus. The first qualification was that it had to be someone who had been with them the whole time from the baptism of Jesus until his resurrection. It must have been a very limited number of candidates to have been there right from the beginning and so only two were brought forward. From those two the apostles asked God to show them which one they should choose.

That is the way we should make our decisions, especially the difficult ones. Turn to God. Seek His help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Don't be in a rush if possible and listen for the voice of God. Look for signs that help us in our decision and trust that God will use whatever we decide for His benefit.

Like Barabbas and Matthias, many of us have been with Jesus from the beginning. Not from his baptism but from the beginning of our lives when we were baptized ourselves as infants. Yet that doesn't mean we will be chosen over someone who is a recent follower. It means we have had more opportunity to know our Savior and bring others to him. It also means we have more responsibility to share that knowledge, faith and belief. If we are to be chosen it means we continue to follow Christ and his ways. Love God and neighbor. Give of ourselves by using the gifts we have been given for the benefit of God and others. Always remembering the more we have been given, the more we are expected by God to give in return. By these things, God, and all humanity will know we are His own.

God Bless,

Deacon Joe

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers					
May 11	Chris Caffrey	May 18	Kathy Avery		
(SH)	Tony Stellato	(SH)	Theresa Kovian		
May 12	Dianne Kierpiec	May 19	Ann Mahon		
(SC)	Bill Quinn	(SC)	Dave Marcais		
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May 13	Katherine Downing	May 20	Deb Swarczewski		
(SH)	Kathy Avery	(SH)	Noreen Brownell		
May 13	Lorna Quinn	May 20	Sandy Hayes		
(SC)	Flo Stanton	(SC)	Kathy Marcais		

Food Pantry

	May 22 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare
	June 5 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Sacred Heart Spring Clean Up Day</u>: There will be a spring clean-up day at Sacred Heart on Saturday May 18th from 9am to 12pm. We will be cleaning both inside and outside the church. As a volunteer you can help your church look beautiful. Breakfast items and coffee will be provided.

Sacred Heart Anniversary Planning Committee: On

Thursday May 23, the 150th Anniversary planning committee will meet in the parish hall at 6:30pm. All those interested in help planning our anniversary festivities are welcome to come. If you are unable to come but are still interested in being on the committee, please contact the parish office.

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!

<u>Healing Mass</u> at St. Cecilia is held on the first Friday of each month, at 8:00 AM in the basement chapel.

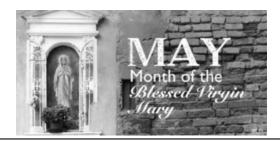
St. Cecilia's Church Restoration Fund: If you would like to remember or honor a loved one, please consider making a contribution to St. Cecilia's Church Restoration Fund. All donations will be used to preserve our beautiful church property. Thank you for your generosity.

First Holy Communion/Retreat Day: First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, June 9th. Therefore retreat day will be Saturday, June 8th from 10am—3pm.

St. Cecilia's Parking Lot Fundraiser We have 4 dates for parking this year. Please call/text Kelly @ 518 774 7250 to volunteer. The dates are as follows... Sat. May 18 Sat. June 15 Thurs. Aug. 29 (fair) Sat. Sept 14

Spaces For Tribes Hill Garage Sale– Memorial Day Wknd: If you or anyone you know would like to participate in Tribes Hill Garage Sale Weekend (Memorial Day Weekend) Sacred Heart will be renting spaces on the lawn to vendors. Spaces will be \$25. per day. Call the parish office @ 518-829-7301 for space rental or more information.

<u>Upcoming Second Collections</u>: May 11/12 - Ascension May 18/19 - Repair/Maintenance May 25/26—European Relief



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The Ascension of The Lord

When I was a kid, my parents took me to the circus, and I was mesmerized by the acrobats. I recall one show in which the trapeze artists would swoop down just above the ground and then launch up into the air, flinging their bodies seemingly to the top of the tent, all at dizzying speeds. It wasn't just their height but their dangerous proximity to the ground that thrilled me.

Perhaps that's a little how St. Mark wants us to feel as he describes the Ascension of Jesus. He tells us that Jesus **"sat down at table with them"** and then, just a few lines later, **"he ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God."** He dies, he rises! He sits down, he ascends! What do these divine acrobatics teach us?

The depth and height on display are a show of his love for us. When Jesus "**sat down**" he "**upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness of heart.**" He dangerously swoops down into our lowly place of fragmentation, disbelief, and death. When he ascends, he confirms their preaching with signs of powerful healing. The height of heaven is the place from which God brings wholeness, faith, and life. The point is the Ascension of Jesus is not about his departure. It is about the feat by which he unites the heavens and the earth, the highest and the lowest.

We are meant to relive this spiritually dizzying experience in every Mass, when Jesus sits *down* with us at his Eucharistic table and then offers himself *up* to the Father with and for us. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls: welcome to the great tent of the Church! Feast your eyes on the divine and human acrobat whose saving feat is the great thrill of our lives.

-Father John Muir ©LPi



Charismatic Renewal Invites you to join us for:

PENTECOST Celebration Sunday, May 19th, 2024

> Rev. Martin Fisher Presider

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

125 Eagle St, Albany 4:30– Prayer and Praise (Music by "Joyful Heart") 5:00pm– Mass (Healing Prayer to follow)



MARTYRS

Fultonville, NY Coliseum Mass 3:00 pm

May 12 Fr. Resila May 19 Fr. Juanito May 26 Fr. DeMartinis



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