



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to
throw a stone at her."
- Jn 8:7

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St. Cecilia's & Sacred Heart's Church's: Feb, March to April LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES 2025

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS DEVOTION Schedule:** SCC: 6PM//SHC:5PM

Fridays: SHC 6:00pm – March 28, April 11

SCC 6:00pm – April 4

Saturdays/Sundays: 20 minutes before the Saturday Vigil-Sunday Mass

March 19/Wed @ SCC: 8AM: Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BV Mary.

Parishioners will ask to **Donate Food** to participate in the traditional

"Blessing of Food for the St. Joseph's Table" in the Holy Mass on

Saturday (March 22 @ SHC:4PM) & Sunday (March 23 @ SCC:9AM)

April 5-6/Sat-Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent

-The Practice of Covering the Crosses & Sacred Images throughout the church

- Burning of 2024 Blessed Palms

April 12-13/Sat-Sun: PALM SUNDAY: Blessings/Distribution of Palms

HOLY WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

April 15/ Holy Tuesday 5PM @ SHC: Holy Mass with Short Spiritual Recollection
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,

Confessions

April 16/ Holy Wednesday 5PM @ SCC: Holy Mass with Short Spiritual
Recollection

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,

Confessions

April 17/ Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper at SHC 5PM Washing of Feet-
Evening Prayer/ An Hour Before the Most Blessed Sacrament,

Confessions

* Church door will be open until 8pm

April 18/Good Friday at SCC 3PM: Station of the Cross & Liturgy of the The
Passion & Death of Our Lord

April 19/Sat: EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION @ SHC 7:45PM

* Blessing of the Traditional Easter Food (Within the H. Mass: Before
Offertory Procession)

April 20/Sunday: EASTER SUNDAY at SCC @ 9AM

April 26-27/ Sat-Sun: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

-Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet Before the Holy Mass



EASTER SEASON



*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]*

† Altar wine at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **April** has been sponsored in memory of the **deceased Stellato family members** at the request of **Tony & Lorrie Stellato**.

Altar hosts at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **April** have been sponsored in memory of the **deceased Szykowski family members** at the request of **Lorrie & Tony Stellato**

† Altar wine at **Saint Cecilia** for the month of **April** has been sponsored in memory of **Mary & Nicholas Galeazza** at the request of **George & Pat Galeazza**.

† Altar hosts at **Saint Cecilia** for the month of **April** have been sponsored in memory of **Katherine & Harry Minney** at the request of **Pat & George Galeazza**.



Sat. Apr 5, 4:00 pm (SH) † 86th birthday remembrance of **Frank DeRosa**, requested by his children.

Sun. Apr 6, 9:00 am (SC)- 1.) † In memory of **Dorine Dimond**, requested by **Jean Barker**.

2.) † In memory of **MaryAnn Waters**, requested by **Joe, Kelly, Kristy & families**.

Tues. April 8 thru Sun. April 13, 2025

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

Wed. Apr 9, 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of **Christine Bagnardi**, requested by **Pat & George Galeazza**.

Thurs. Apr 10, 8:00 am (SH) - † For the repose of the soul of **Fr. Pascal Iannotti**, requested by the people of the parish.

Fri. Apr 11, 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of **Christine Bagnardi**, requested by **Jim Wray & family**.

Sat. Apr 12, 4:00 pm (SH)- 1.) † In loving memory of **Florence Hladik**, requested by **Cathy & Ron Parry**.

2.) † For the repose of the soul of **Karl Schmaeh**, requested by **Jim Wray**.

Sun. Apr 13, 9:00 am (SC)- 1.) † In loving memory of **Karen Ford**, requested by **Joey & family**.

2.) † In memory of **Angelina Carbone**, requested by her son **Salvatore**.



2025 DIOCESAN APPEAL

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	8156.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	5350.00	2970.00
BALANCE	2806.00	2030.00

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MARCH 29/30

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	551.00	1078.00
OTHER	4186.80	77.00
CATH REL SRVC	115.00	264.00
PARISH TOTAL	4737.80	1155.00
ATTENDANCE	54	52

Second collections

April 5/6 - Easter Flowers

April 18 - Holy Land (Good Friday)

April 3/4 - Repair/Maintenance

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Apr 5 (SH)	Katherine Downing Theresa Kovian	Apr 12 (SH)	To be announced
Apr 6 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Andrea Moran	Apr 13 (SC)	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Apr 7 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski	Apr 14 (SH)	Katherine Downing Wendy Hall
Apr 7 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Apr 14 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

Food Pantry

April 23 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare
May 7 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stations of the Cross for Students: On April 13 (Palm Sunday), instead of a regular Faith Formation class, all students should gather in the church after Mass to pray a children's version of the Stations of the Cross. Parents and parishioners are welcome to stay and participate also.

Saint Cecilia Parish Meeting: It's time to discuss the viability and future of St. Cecilia's Parish. All are encouraged to attend this meeting on Sunday April 27, 2025 in the church after the (9am Mass). We really would appreciate your observations, comments, suggestions, and problem solving ideas.

Friday Stations of the Cross: Friday Stations at Sacred Heart On April 11 will be at 6:00PM.

Sacred Heart April Potluck: Our monthly potluck will be held on April 26 (after the Vigil Mass). The theme for April is "Around the World". Please join us. Although it is welcome, there is absolutely no obligation to bring food.

Easter Choir: We need singers for the Easter Choir from both parishes. Rehearsal will be held at St. C's on Thursday, April 10th @6:30pm.

Saint Cecilia Weekly Raffle: 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.

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: We have 3 dates this year. Saturday, April 26 (evening)
Saturday, May 3 (evening)
Friday, August 29 (fair, all day)
Please call Kelly@ 518-774-7250 with any questions or to volunteer. Thanks so much!

Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites In Our Diocese:

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
125 Eagle St, Albany

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine
136 Shrine Rd, Fultonville

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine
3636 NY5, Fonda

Our Lady of Knock Shrine
2052 Route 145,
East Durham

Rosa Mystica Shrine
484 Angel Hill Rd,
Edmeston



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE April 6, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Lent John 8:1-11

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

-Father John Muir
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150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners ~April 6th thru April 12th~

Baptisms

April 6, 1975 Jill Marie Latza April 6, 1982 Laure Ann Kjelbasa
April 7, 1974 Gayle Marie Page
April 8, 1988 Jamie Lynn Nellis April 9, 1972 Benjamin John Luciano
April 9, 1972 Gregory Michael Kehr
April 9, 1978 Cindi Lee Whitney April 9, 1978 Steven Matthew Whitney
April 10, 1960 Elvira Laverne Young
April 10, 1994 Jennifer Marie Lambert April 11, 1999 Alexis Elizabeth Baker

Marriages

April 7, 1991 Donald Schmidtman & Julie Bottisti

Deaths

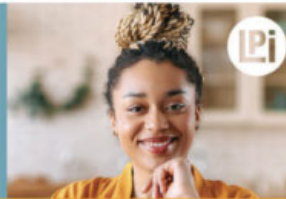
April 8, 1982 Arthur W. Burmester
April 10, 1998 Margaret Andrzejewski
April 12, 1982 Sarah Whalen Smitka
April 12, 1997 Raymond F. Dufel

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