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As Catholics, our mission is clear-we are called upon to share our faith as disciples ourselves and disciple-makers as Jesus preached: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded of you." (Matthew 28:19-20) Since each parish and the Diocese are partners in this work, robust support of parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal ensures the Church has the resources it needs to carry out its mission.

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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]*



THE BLESSING OF CANDLES AND THE PROCESSION

Entrance Antiphon (ALL): Behold, our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia!
Greeting (Priest) – In the name of the Father.....

Introduction (Priest) – Dear brothers and sisters, forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Outwardly He was fulfilling the Law, but in reality He was coming to meet his believing people. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple. Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit; proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ. There we shall find him and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

Blessing of Candles (Priest) – Let us pray! O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing (+) these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails. Through Christ our Lord.
ALL – Amen!

Procession (Priest) – Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

(ALL) – In the name of Christ. Amen!

Antiphon (ALL) – A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

(Priest) – Lord, now let your servant go in peace, in accordance with your word.

(ALL) – For my eyes have seen your salvation. Which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.



Sat. Feb 1, 4:00 pm (SH) - † For the repose of the soul of Stephen Hladik, requested by the parish of Sacred Heart.

Sun. Feb 2, 9:00 am (SC)- † In memory of Alphonso Mancini, requested by Ralph & MaryLou Mancini.

Tues. Feb 4 thru Sun. Feb 9, 2025

Tue. Feb 4, 8:00am (SH) - No intention requested

Wed. Feb 5 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of Robert H. VanAlstyne, requested by Jim Wray & family.

Thurs. Feb 6, 8:00 am (SH) - No intention requested

Fri. Feb 7, 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of Bob VanAlstyne, requested by Pat Furnare & family.

Sat. Feb 8, 4:00 pm (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Sun. Feb 9, 9:00 am (SC)- 1.) † In loving memory of James E. "Ned" Connery, requested by Joyce Mancini.
2.) † In memory of Barbara Castiglione, requested by Jim Wray & family.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**February 2, 2025 - Presentation of the Lord
Luke 2:22-40**

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

-Father John Muir
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2025 DIOCESAN APPEAL

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	8156.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	2770.00	1842.00
BALANCE	5386.00	3158.00

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 1 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Chris Caffrey	Feb 8 (SH)	Cathy Parry Katherine Downing
Feb 2 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Andrea Moran	Feb 9 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Feb 3 (SH)	Barbara Bilins Wendy Hall	Feb 10 (SH)	Kathy Avery Katherine Downing
Feb 3 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	Feb 10 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

Feb 5 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
Feb 26 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon



COLLECTIONS TOTALS - JAN 25/26

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1539.00	xxxx.xx
WEEKLY COLLECTION	496.00	1137.00
REPAIR/MAINT	225.00	572.00
OTHER	100.30	90.00
PARISH TOTAL	821.30	3158.00
ATTENDANCE	51	80

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring: Our parishes will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign by collecting food items next weekend February 8/9. Donate money or a food item and pick your football team. If your team wins the big game, you will be entered into a raffle for a prize. Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on *Souper Bowl Weekend*.

Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner Tickets: Tickets for our annual spaghetti dinner as well as raffle tickets are available now. Please grab a packet and to sell and help support this annual fundraiser.

Sacred Heart Monthly Potluck: Our February Potluck will be held on February 15th (following the 4pm Mass). The theme is Valentine's Day "Heartfelt Food". Hope you all can attend.

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 Bottle Drive: We will be collecting bottles/ cans at St. Cecilia. There will be a receptacle in the parking lot near the rectory entrance and also in the hall.

St Cecilia Card Party Dates: Our card party is held from 1pm - 4pm in the rectory at St. Cecilia. Current dates are (Mondays) Feb 10, Feb 24...all are welcome :)

February First Thurs/Fri Healing Mass: Although there will still be daily Mass on Feb 6 & 7, there will be no Healing Mass. The **Healing Mass** (for February only) will be held on **World Day of the Sick** on February 11 at Sacred Heart Church at 4:30pm.

Ash Wednesday Mass: Ash Wednesday falls on March 5 this year. There will be Mass with distribution of ashes at Saint Cecilia 12 Noon and at Sacred Heart 5:15pm

Sacred Heart Sacraments: In error, the sacraments for Jan 26—Feb 1 were skipped last week. They are listed/announced this week to correct the mistake.

JUBILEE, 2025 - TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY



RECONCILIATION The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies ... has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation. CCC, no. 1421. To learn more about the beautiful gift of Reconciliation, to access a step-by-step guide, and to hear Fr. Matt Duclos' simple answers to questions that many have if they haven't gone to Confession in some time. Go to the Diocesan website: www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025



ADORATION The presence is called "real" - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be "real" too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present. (CCC, no. 1374) To find Adoration sites throughout the Diocese & learn how Eucharistic Adoration can help to deepen your faith. Go to the Diocesan Website: www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025



THE MASS The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words "until he comes" does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father. CCC, no. 1341. For "The Power of One Hour", a five-part video series, produced by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, teaching about the Mass. Go to the Diocesan Website: www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025



PRAYER Prayer is the life of the new heart. It ought to animate us at every moment. But we tend to forget him who is our life and our all... "We must remember God more often than we draw breath. CCC, no. 2697. For tools to help you build your prayer life, Go to the Diocesan Website: www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025



FURTHERING YOUR FAITH SERIES "Faith seeks understanding": it is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith and to understand better what He has revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love. CCC, no. 158. For furthering your faith, Go to the YouTube page: Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners

~January 26th thru February 1st~

Baptisms

Jan 26, 1964 Susan O'Connor Jan 26, 1979 Kristin Gidley
Jan 26, 1986 Matthew Bubniak
Jan 27, 19864 Susan O'Connor Jan 27, 1985 David Kfm
Jan 27, 1985 Aaron Bouton
Jan 28, 1967 David Alteri Jan 29, 1966 Timothy Kelly
Jan 29, 1971 Andre Carpenter
Jan 29, 1978 Karen Myles Jan 29, 1984 Daniel Rajter
Jan 30, 1966 Evelyn Healy
Jan 30, 1994 Michael Cyrek Jan 31, 1971 Maureen Chambers

Marriages

Jan 26, 1985 Joseph Knapiak & Sandra Lee Wilson
Jan 27, 1980 Alexander Julius & Anna Rizziello
Jan 28, 2017 Jonathan Bottisti & Katie Gallagher
Jan 31, 1987 Peter Cahill & Josephine Dubicke

Deaths

Jan 26, 1982 William D Meyers
Jan 26, 1984 Beatrice C Holland
Jan 26, 2006 Nicholas Bottisti
Jan 27, 21994 Genevieve Lewandoski
Jan 30, 20016 Edward Paton

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