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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]*

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

March 5/Wed: ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

- St. Cecilia's Church at 12 noon
- Sacred Heart's Church 5:15pm

Blessed Ashes in Sachet will be available for the Home bound & for those who cannot attend our Ash Wednesday Liturgy

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

Fridays :SHC 5:00pm – March 14, March 28, April 11

SCC 6:00pm – March 7, March 21, 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 15 @ SHC:4PM) & Sunday (March 16 @ 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 @ SCC @ 3PM: Stations 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





† Altar wine at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *March* has been sponsored in memory of *Peggy & Jack Brookhiser* at the request of *Ann & John Mahon*.

† Altar hosts at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *March* have been sponsored in memory of *Peggy & Jack Brookhiser* at the request of *Ann & John Mahon*.

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

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



Sat. Mar 15, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In memory of *Stephen Hladik*, requested by *Barbara Krawiecki*.
2.) † In memory of *Mary Ann Pavlus* on the 6th anniversary of her passing, requested by *John Pavlus*

Sun. Mar 16, 9:00 am (SC)- † In memory of *Dorine Dimond*, requested by *Michele Furnare*.

Tues. Mar 18 thru Sun. Mar 23, 2025

Tue. Mar 18, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Mar 19, 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of *Joseph Sullivan*, requested by *Chris & Elizabeth Catalano*.

Thurs. Mar 20, 8:00 am (SH) - 1.) † Birthday remembrance of *Margaret Hugo*, requested by her daughters *Margaret Castle and Barbara Barbar*.

2.) † In memory of *Rita Lange*, requested by her family.

Fri. Mar 21, 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of *Joseph Sullivan*, requested by *Michele Furnare*.

Sat. Mar 22, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In memory of *Stephen Hladik*, requested by *Ron & Cathy Parry*.

2.) † In memory of *Christine A. Bagnardi*, requested by *John, Sally, Geri and Carolyn*.

Sun. Mar 23, 9:00 am (SC)- † For the repose of the soul of *James Friers*, requested by *Michele Furnare & family*.



2025 DIOCESAN APPEAL

SH

SC		
AMOUNT NEEDED	8156.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	3975.00	1842.00

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MARCH 8/9

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1706.00	896.00
ASH WED	385.00	489.00
BLK/NAT/LAT AM	168.00	214.00
OTHER	70.00	178.00
PARISH TOTAL	2161.00	1563.00
ATTENDANCE	70	73

Second collections

March 15/16 - Fuel/Heat

March 29/30 - Catholic Relief Services

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 15 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Tony Stellato	Mar 22 (SH)	Cathy Parry Mark Caffrey
Mar 16 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare	Mar 23 (SC)	Ann Mahon Andrea Moran

Counters Schedule

Mar 17 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell	Mar 24 (SH)	Kathy Avery Barbara Bilins
Mar 17 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Florence Stanton	Mar 24 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

March 26 (SC)	Florence Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds
April 4 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Donations for Saint Joseph's Table: "Blessing of the food for Saint Joseph's Table" will be the weekend of March 22/23. Please bring food donations for our local food pantry to be blessed and delivered to the pantry.

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.

Saint Cecilia Parish Council: Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Sunday March 23, following Mass.

Generations of Faith: We are in a spiritual battle? How do we recognize the enemy? How do we win? Come learn more at a social event for young adults (18-39) and older generation (age 40s 65+) to discuss the topic of Battling Spiritual Warfare. Wed. March 26, 6:30-8:30pm, Corpus Christ Church Parish Hall, 2001 Route 49, Round Lake with Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and refreshments will be served. There is no cost but a "Free Will Offering" will be available. For information, email trip611@aol.com

Lenten Evening of Song & Lenten Retreat: The Ignatian Volunteer Corps Albany presents renown liturgical composer and songwriter Dan Schutte for a Lenten Evening of Song and Lenten Retreat on March 28 & 29 at Christ the King Church - 20 Summer Ave, Albany. For more information, contact IVC Albany at AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org

St Francis & the Canticle of Creatures: A Song of Hope for Lent: This program, an afternoon of recollection will be held on Saturday, March 22nd from 1-4pm, Holy Mass to follow, at St Kateri National Shrine, Rt 5 Fonda. Come join this wonderful opportunity to enrich your Lent.

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

March 16, 2025 - Second Sunday of Lent Luke 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

-Father John Muir

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150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners

~March 16th thru March 22nd~

Baptisms

March 16, 1958 Eugene David Rusnica March 17, 1974 Lisa Marie Washburn
March 18, 1973 Timothy Michael Alteri
March 19, 1951 William Harold Sharp March 19, 1961 Christopher Joseph Maynard
March 19, 1967 Lisa Kateri Constance Bouton
March 21, 1971 Michael Samek March 21, 1971 James Carl Peterson
March 21, 1971 Nicole Marie Dutel

Marriages

March 22, 1970 Jamie Clifford Hornbeck & Jennifer Alice Downing

Deaths

March 16, 1976 James Minicki
March 16, 2001 S. Marcia Dugen
March 18, 2015 James Nelli

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