



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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: 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



† 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**.

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Sat. Mar 29, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In memory of Pat O'Lucci, requested by Beth DeRosa.

2.) † In memory of Steve Hladik, requested by John & Sally.

3.) † In For the Fiacco & Fraumeni family members, living & Deceased, requested by Lee Fiacco.

Sun. Mar 30, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † In memory of Dorine Dimond, requested by Joe, Kelly, Kristy & families.

2.) † In memory of Chrissy Bagnardi, requested by Andrea Moran.

Tues. April 1 thru Sun. April 6, 2025

Tue. Apr 1, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish

Wed. Apr 2, 8:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Alexander Boschi, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

Thurs. Apr 3, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of Robert Failing, requested by Ron & Cathy Parry.

Fri. Apr 4, 8:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Joseph Sullivan, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

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.



2025 DIOCESAN APPEAL

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	8156.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	3975.00	2405.00
BALANCE	5386.00	2595.00

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MARCH 22/23

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	603.00	969.00
OTHER	35.00	125.00
PARISH TOTAL	638.00	1094.00
ATTENDANCE	54	65

Second collections

March 29/30 - Catholic Relief Services
April 5/6 - Easter Flowers

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 29 (SH)	Chris Caffrey Kathy Avery	Apr 5 (SH)	Katherine Downing Theresa Kovian
Mar 230 (SC)	Ken Stuff Bill Quinn	Apr 6 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Andrea Moran

Counters Schedule

Mar 31 (SH)	Wendy Hall Katherine Downing	Apr 7 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski
Mar 31 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	Apr 7 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

April 2 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
April 23 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Penance/Confession Service: Penance/Confession Service for the parishioners of St. Cecilia, Sacred Heart, Mt. Carmel, St. Stanislaus, St. Mary's & St. Stephen's on the Lent Season in preparation for Easter will be held on Wed., April 2nd at St. Stephen's Church in Hagaman @ 6:00PM. Please avail yourself of this opportunity of receiving God's mercy & forgiveness to the healing & strengthening of your spiritual life thru the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Covering" the Crosses & Sacred Images: The practice of "Covering" the Crosses & Sacred Images (particularly the Sacred Statues) throughout the Church will be observed from April 5 after the Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart and April 6 after the Holy Mass at St. Cecilia's until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (April 18).

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 Thursdays, April 3rd & 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

March 30, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.



-Father John Muir

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150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners

~March 30th thru April 5th~

Baptisms

March 30, 1975 Robert Matthew Keenan	March 30, 2002 Corbett Godwin
March 30, 2007 Logan Aidan Sweet	
March 31, 1974 John Edward Vidulich IV	March 31, 1980 Robert Howard Hitchcock
April 1, 1973 Michael John Martuscello	
April 1, 1973 Tamara Lyn Tybar	April 1, 1988 Connie Jo Ladeau
April 3, 1999 Michelle Brooks	
April 3, 1999 Alexandra Morgan Brooks	April 3, 1999 Debbrah Jablonski
April 3, 1999 Nicholas James Jablonski	
April 3, 1999 Brendon Alexander Jablonski	April 5, 1981 Heather Joy Mary Kokocki
April 5, 1987 Allison Bramer	

Marriages

April 3, 1977 Bradley V. Swartz & Ramona Krzys
April 3, 1999 Daniel Brooks & Michelle Husvar
April 3, 1999 Christopher Jablonski & Deborah Husvar

Deaths

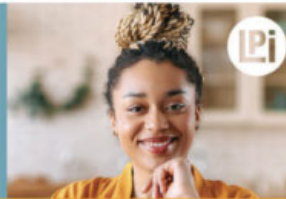
March 31, 1971 Evelyn Stinson
April 1, 1981 Mary Ludwin
April 3, 2008 Thomas Quinn

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