

"MY LORD AND MY
GOD!" - JN 20:28

2ND SUNDAY
OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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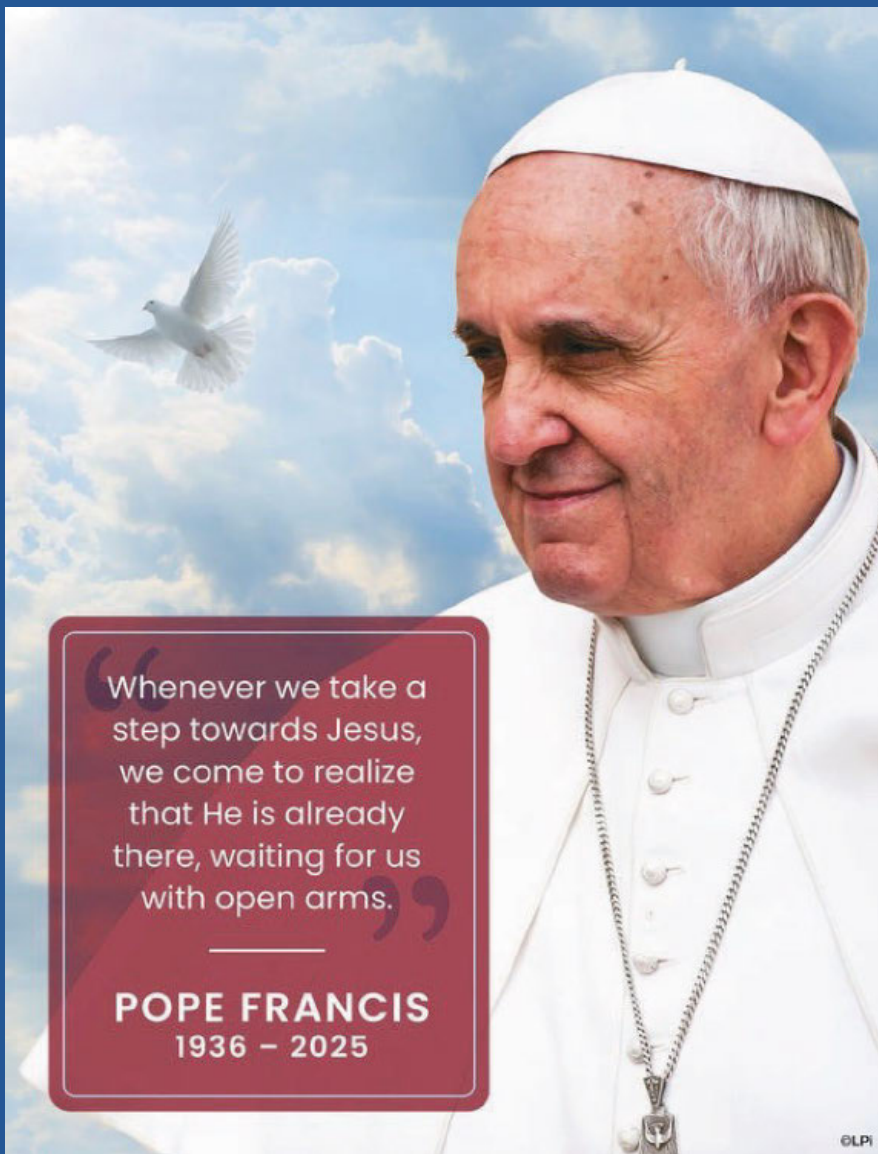
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“Whenever we take a
step towards Jesus,
we come to realize
that He is already
there, waiting for us
with open arms.”

POPE FRANCIS
1936 – 2025

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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]*

† 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 26, 4:00 pm (SH)- 1.) † In loving memory of **Stephen Bilins**, requested by his wife **Barbara**.
2.) † 92nd Birthday
remembrance of **Stephen Hladik**, requested by requested by his wife & family.

Sun. Apr 27, 9:00 am (SC)- 1.) † In memory of **Christine A. Bagnardi**, requested by **Joe, Kelly, Kristy & families**.
2.) † In memory of **Christine Marie Ross**, requested by **Joe, Kelly, Kristy & families**.
3.) † In memory of **Joe Sullivan**, requested by **Randy & Maureen (Dodge) Christman**.

Tues. April 29 thru Sun. May 4, 2025

Tue. Apr 29, 8:00 am (SH) - no intention requested

Wed. Apr 30, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

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

Fri. May 2, 8:00 am (SC) - † Repose of the soul of Karl Schmaeh, requested by **Michele Furnare**.

Sat. May 3, 4:00 pm (SH)- † In memory of Belinda Douglas, requested by **George Stanwick**.

Sun. May 4, 9:00 am (SC)- 1.) † In loving memory of **Alex & Betty Adesse**, requested by their daughters.
2.) † In memory of **MaryAnn Waters**, requested by **Michele Furnare & family**.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
April 27, 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter John 20: 19-31

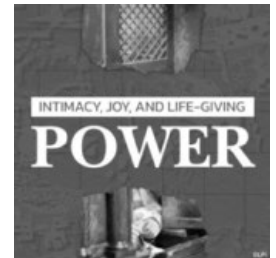
It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

-Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Apr 26 (SH)	Kathy Avery Cathy Parry	May 3 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Chris Caffrey
Apr 27 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Dianne Kierpiec	May 4 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathy Marcais

Counters Schedule

Apr 28 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	May 5 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery
Apr 28 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	May 5 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

May 7 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
May 28 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Challenge Before US: The Diocese of Albany is at a crossroads, but with the opportunity to be a stronger, healthier church. There is an article in The Evangelist this week regarding challenges facing our diocese. <https://evangelist.org/news/2025/apr/02/the-challenge-before-us/> Please read and share this link, especially to benefit those who do not receive the paper.

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 this morning in the church after the (9am Mass). We really would appreciate your observations, comments, suggestions, and problem solving ideas.

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: Our dates this year.
 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

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - APRIL 19/20

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	512.00	1884.00
OTHER	180.00	143.00
HOLY LAND	133.00	257.00
PARISH TOTAL	825.00	2284.00
ATTENDANCE	65	128

150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners ~April 20th thru May 3rd~

Baptisms

<i>April 20, 1974 James Christopher Healy</i>	<i>April 20, 1974 May Marie Healy</i>
<i>April 21, 1985 Kristy Marie Schmidtmann</i>	<i>April 22, 1990 Molly Lynn Sullivan</i>
<i>April 22, 2000 Cassandra Marie Ecker</i>	<i>April 22, 2000 Tammy Goodspeed</i>
<i>April 22, 2000 Kim Goodspeed</i>	<i>April 22, 2000 Megan Nevich</i>
<i>April 23, 1995 Zachary Joseph Kenyon</i>	<i>April 24, 1988 Michelle Marie Bubniak</i>
<i>April 25, 1984 Janine Ann Konik</i>	<i>April 26, 1970 David John DiCaprio</i>
<i>April 27, 1980 Melissa Anne Tybor</i>	<i>April 27, 2013 Tyler Rease Jemmott</i>
<i>April 28, 1968 Thomas Andrew Opalka</i>	<i>April 27, 1970 Candace Hatch</i>
<i>April 28, 2001 Lukas Michael Zilka</i>	<i>April 29, 1984 Peter Michael Farina</i>
<i>May 1, 1983 Courtney Lynne Hanrahan</i>	<i>May 3, 1981 Sara Elizabeth Romano</i>
<i>May 3, 1987 Jennifer Maria Wolff</i>	<i>May 3, 2013 Elizabeth M'Kenna Gillia</i>

Marriages

April 22, 1972 Leo Peter Romsiewicz & Susan Mary Jowett
April 26, 1980 Ronald Howard Hitchcock & Susan Betty Brooks
April 27, 1974 Robert J. Bowe & Coral M. Dufel
April 27, 1980 Philip Anthony Tybor & Elizabeth Marie Nowak
May 2, 1970 John Martuscello & Candace Hatch
May 3, 1975 Ronald J. Dygert & Janey Beth Downing
May 3, 1980 Paul A. LaPan & Patricia A. Jowett

Deaths

April 3, 2008 Eugene Twardzik
April 17, 1992 Mary English
April 17, 2013 Eleanor Dufel
April 18, 1985 Patrick English
April 18, 1995 Angelo Vertucci
April 21, 1992 Mark Quinn
April 27, 1991 Stephen V. Bilins
April 30, 1986 John Martuscello, Sr.
May 1, 1995 Erminio Brooks
May 3, 1986 John Martuscello
May 3, 2022 Catherine Knowlton



2025 DIOCESAN APPEAL

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

Second collections

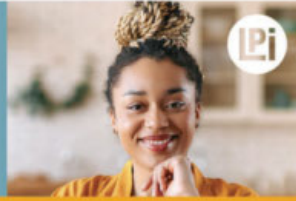
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