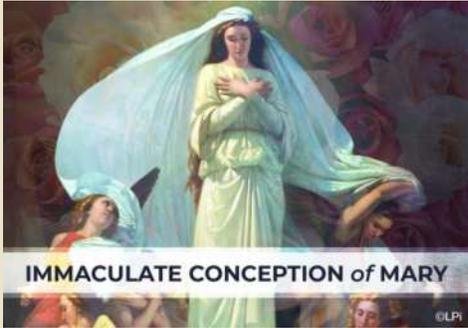


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THE SEASON OF ADVENT
 LA TEMPORADA DE ADVIENTO

Liturgical Schedule Update

Dec 8th, Monday, Immaculate Conception of Mary – St. Cecilia 6:30pm

Dec 24th, Wed, Christmas Eve Vigil/Children’s Mass– St. Cecilia 4:00pm
 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass – Sacred Heart 6:30pm

Dec 25th, Thursday, Christmas Day Mass – St. Cecilia 8:15am
 Sacred Heart 10:15am

*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 SACRED HEART'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:

In the example, imitation & guidance- of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - our Divine Patron, we will strive to fulfill the Catholic Church's mission, that is, to evangelize; which means to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, ultimately seeking to lead everyone to a deeper relationship with God . In this mission, we will embody Christ's love through service, teaching the Catholic faith, and foster the salvation and sanctification of our brothers & sisters, which we will devotedly & zealously manifest in the ongoing efforts to serve the poor, the marginalized, and all those in need in our community.

THE ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:

In the example & intercession of our Patron Saint: St. Cecilia - a Virgin & a Martyr- we will strive to fulfill the Catholic Church's mission, that is, to evangelize; which means to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, ultimately seeking to lead everyone to a deeper relationship with God . In this mission, we will embody Christ's love through service, teaching the Catholic faith, and foster the salvation and sanctification of our brothers & sisters, which we will devotedly & zealously manifest in the ongoing efforts to serve the poor, the marginalized, and all those in need in our community.

† Wine & hosts for the altar at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *December* have been graciously sponsored in loving memory of *Peter & Virginia Szyjkowski*, by *Lorrie & Tony Stellato*.

† Wine & hosts for the altar at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *December* have been graciously sponsored in loving memory of *Sal Furnare*, by his wife *Michelle & family*.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec 6, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In loving memory of *Frances Opalka*, requested by her daughter, *Barbara*.
2.) † In loving memory of *Val Krawiecki*, requested by his loving wife *Barbara & children*.

Sun. Dec 7, 9:00 am (SC) - † In memory of *Norbert & Verna Bicheler*, requested by *John & Sheila Cranker*.

Sun. Dec 7 4:00 pm (SC) - † In remembrance & recollection of the 84th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor tragedy.

Tues. Dec 8 thru Sun. Dec 14, 2025

Mon. Dec 8, 6:30 pm (SC) - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tue. Dec 9, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Dec 10, 8:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of *Thomas Dandrew*, requested by *Ann & John Mahon*.

Thurs. Dec 11, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Fri. Dec 12, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. Dec 13, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † Blessings for *Kimberly Bilins & family*, requested by her mom, *Barbara*.
2.) † In loving memory of *Barbara Vertucci*, requested by *Alan & Lucy Abele*.

Sun. Dec 14, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † In loving memory of *Alex & Betty Adesse*, requested by their daughters.
2.) † Birthday remembrance of *Emily Wray*, requested by her son, *Jim*.

Sun. Dec 14 4:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Second Collections

Dec 6/7 Christmas Flowers
 Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
 Dec 14 (SC) Fuel/Heat
 Dec 21 (SC) Cemetery Support
 Dec 25 Christmas

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Dec 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent - Matthew 3: 1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

-Father John Muir
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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

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|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dec 6 (SH) | Cathy Parry Tony Stellato | Dec 13 (SH) | Kathy Avery Volunteer |
| Dec 7 (SC) | Ann Mahon Michele Furnare | Dec 14 (SC) | Dianne Kierpiec Andrea Moran |

Counters Schedule

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dec 8 (SH) | Katherine Downing Wendy Hall | Dec 15 (SH) | Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski |
| Dec 8 (SC) | Flo Stanton Margaret Smith | Dec 15 (SC) | Sandy Hayes Kathy Marçais |

Food Pantry



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| Dec 23 (Tue) (SC) | Andrea Moran Margaret Smith Michele Furnare |
| Jan 7 (SH) | Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro |



Lighting Of The Advent Candle: We need families/friends to light the Advent candle each week. There are 2 weeks left, sign up sheets are in the vestibule.

Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia: The Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia has been moved to 4pm

Food Pantry Donations: With the holiday season upon us, the need for food is even greater. There are baskets in the vestibule of each parish, placed there for food donations for the pantry.

Sacred Heart Pie Raffle: Our weekly pie raffle has returned, just in time for the holidays. Purchase your tickets in the vestibule before Saturday's Vigil Mass

Sunday Raffle at St. Cecilia: We will gladly accept donations as we continue our Sunday raffle. As always, we appreciate your support.

Faith Formation Bottle Drive: Donations for our Faith Formation Bottle Drive will be set up at the Fultonville Redemption Center through the month of December. You may also drop your bottles at the hall of St. Cecilia.

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant: We need volunteers to perform in the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant. Please see Deb Parslow or Alison Wallace if your child is willing to be a part of this beautiful performance.

Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Masses: Choir singers and altar servers (both children and adults) are needed for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Sacred Heart Cookie Sale: Our annual cookie sale will be held on Saturday, December 20—after the 4pm Vigil Mass. We need bakers. If you would like to participate, please bring your cookies to the church hall by 1:00pm the day of.

Sacred Heart Potluck: Our December Potluck will be held on Saturday, December 13th, following the 4pm Vigil Mass. The theme is Comfort & Joy. Bring a dish that brings comfort or anything that sparks joy! Let's celebrate the warmth of the season together.

*150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart
Parishioners
~Dec 7th thru Dec 13th~*

Baptisms

*December 13, 1969 Thomas Jay Dufel
December 10, 1972 Carlton Henry Buanna
December 9, 1973 Erin Ann Chichester
December 9, 1973 Sharon Lee Guiffre
December 10, 1978 Jamie Lynn Lemiszki
December 13, 1981 Kristi Ann Morreale
December 10, 1989 Megan E. Scrima-Ryder
December 12, 2004 Brandon Felliipe Buanna*

Marriages

*December 11, 1971 Robert R Minkler III & Mary M
Sainato
December 11, 1982 Michael A. Weil & Gena M. Kunicki
December 13, 1991 James Peterson & Judith MacDonald*

Deaths-Funerals

*December 7, 1981 Jeffrey Hayes
December 12, 1984 Frank Ludwin
December 12, 2000 Cecelia Whelley
December 13, 2003 Helga O'Connor*



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Priest: Our THEME is 'Responding with Love'

Family: Few will sing your praises forever, O God, for Your constant love shown to your people!

For the wonders you have done among us, we shout your name all day long. **R.**

Priest: We sing about the abundant grace of your mercy shown to all generations! Our souls magnify you for the promise of joy and new life! We joyfully sing your praise for that gift of Love that came down to earth on Christmas. **R.**

**Assigned Family Lights all Four Advent Candles*

Family: Father, as we continue our Advent pilgrimage, we light a Candle of love. And grant my Family (mention your names) and all of us the courage to act & respond always in love.

All: Amen.

Priest: God of the ages, like Mary, may our souls reflect your greatness and our spirits rejoice in you, for you have looked with favor on us and done marvelous things. May our lives be a response to the love you have shown us in Jesus, born of Mary, who lives... ever. Amen.



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