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The 5pm Sunday Mass @ St Cecilia has been moved to 4pm for the winter months.



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 Szykowski, 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.

AMASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec 27, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In loving memory of Helen & Steve Pawloski, requested by Barbara Minch & family.

Sun. Dec 28, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † Birthday remembrance of Francis G. Dimond, requested by Roy & family.

2.) † In loving memory of Donald Thum, requested by his loving wife, children and grandchildren.

Sun. Dec 28, 4:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tues. Dec 30, 2025 thru Sun. Jan. 4, 2026

Tue. Dec 30, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Dec 31, 8:00 am (SC) - † Birthday remembrance of Ed Kosinski, requested by Michele Furnare & family.

Thurs. Jan 1, 8:00 am (SH) - Health & healing for Colton Ryan.

Fri. Jan 2, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Marie Cranker, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.

Sat. Jan 3, 4:00 pm (SH) - † For the repose of the soul of Leonard Roginski, requested by George Stanwick.

Sun. Jan 4, 9:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.

Sun. Jan 4, 4:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Second Collections
Jan 3/4 Fuel/Heat

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Dec 28, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

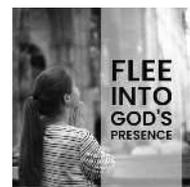
When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

-Father John Muir
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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Dec 27 (SH)	Volunteer Cathy Parry	Jan 3 (SH)	Katherine Downing Tony Stellato
Dec 28 (SC)	Ann Mahon Dave Marcais	Jan 4 (SC)	Ken Stuff Dianne Kierpiec

Counters Schedule

Dec 29 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Katherine Downing	Jan 5 (SH)	Katherine Downing Wendy Hall
Dec 29 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Jan 5 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

Food Pantry



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



Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia: The 5 pm Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia has been moved to 4pm for the winter months.

Mass Cancelations, Winter Protocol: During the winter months, if FFCS has a delay or cancelation, Mass will be canceled on that day.

Food Pantry Donations: There are baskets in the vestibule of each parish, placed there for food donations for the pantry. The need for food is so great in this time. Your donations truly matter.

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.

*150th Anniversary Commemoration of
Sacred Heart Parishioners
~Dec 28th thru Dec 31st ~*

Baptisms

12/28/1975 Sara Catherine Tylutki

12/29/1991 Jenna Mary Brunetta

12/30/1972 Gregory Allen Smith

12/30/1979 Kevin Won Frank

12/30/1990 Dominique Noelle Greco

12/31/1988 John Lawrence Parry

Weddings

12/30/1972 Alexander A. Peluso & Marie E. Lang

Deaths-Funerals

12/28/2007 Ralph D. Romano

12/29/1994 Exminio Brooks

12/30/1971 Edward Givis

Dearest Parishioners of Sacred Heart/Saint Cecilia,

My warmest Christmas greetings to you in the Peace and Joy of the Christ-Child! We celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, the Light of the world who is the Source of our Life, Hope and Joy. No matter what you may be grappling with, what difficulty or success, joy or sorrow, fears or hopes you are experiencing, the Holy Infant, Innocence Himself, wants to enter into your lives to comfort, uplift, strengthen and heal.

I am grateful and honored to have been able to serve as your shepherd in a rather eventful year--we have a new President, a new Pope, a new Bishop and a new Archbishop of New York. There have been many changes not just on a larger scale, but on more local ones as well in your own lives. Thank you for allowing me to minister our Lord Jesus Christ to you in those events and moments, in your grief and in your joy, in the good times and in bad. I look forward to continuing to do so as your shepherd in the year to come!

I have been so blessed to serve you as your spiritual father and look forward to continuing to share the Light of the world with you all as your priest. Thank you for warmly receiving me into your lives. Thank you for all your time, talent and treasure--often without recognition or awareness of others. Thank you for your trust and support. Thank you for your compassion and prayers regarding the darkness of my father's sudden, unexpected, life-altering medical tribulation this past year.

I truly believe your prayers helped save my dad's life several times over this past year. While he still has a long way to go and the future is uncertain, he has improved so much from where he was last year at this time thanks in no small part to your storming Heaven with your prayers. Please know that is what I do and intend to do as your priest every day!

The God who created Heaven and Earth comes to us in the cold darkness at midnight in a manger, greeted by shepherds and glorified by the angels, so that by His heavenly Light, even our darkest night might be turned into the brightest day. Please God, may the Light of the world shine forth into your lives, families, homes and our entire world, especially to those most in darkness. Please God, may we always keep our hearts, minds, families and communities open to receiving our newborn King, our eternal Light and Life.

A very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year to you and yours!

Yours in the Love and Joy of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Father Nate



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