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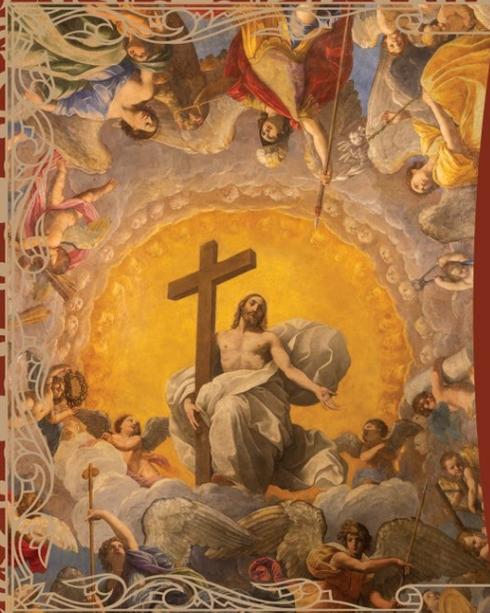
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• THE COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED •

I SHALL
RAISE HIM
ON THE
LAST DAY.



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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]*

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 *November* have been graciously sponsored by *Wendy & Bill Hall*.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov 1, 4:00 pm (SH)- † May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace

Sun. Nov 2, 9:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Pat Neri, requested by Joan O'Brien.

Sun. Nov 2, 5:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tues. Nov 4 thru Sun. Nov 9, 2025

Tue. Nov 4, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Nov 5, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Harry Minney, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

Thurs. Nov 6, 8:00 am (SH) - For the health and healing of our parish.

Fri. Nov 7, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. Nov 8, 4:00 pm (SH)- Birthday blessings for Evelyn Titus, requested by the Healy family.

Sun. Nov 9, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) †50th anniversary remembrance for Sal Furnare, requested by his wife, Michele & family.
2.) † In loving memory of Alphonso Mancini on the 1st year of his passing,

Sun. Nov 9, 5:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - OCTOBER 25/26

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	618.00	886.00
OTHER	35.00	75.00
PARISH TOTAL	653.00	961.00
ATTENDANCE	51	54

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest. You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask you to inspire young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your will. Send laborers into Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments. We ask through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations, Intercede for us.

ALL: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Nov 2, 2025 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - John 6 : 7-40

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37-40), he says, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me." Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

-Father John Muir

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Second collections

Nov 1/2 –All Saints/All Souls
Nov 8/9 Fuel/Heat/Utilities

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 1 (SH)	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato	Nov 8 (SH)	Cathy Parry Volunteer
Nov 2 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn	Nov 9 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Dave Marcais

Counters Schedule

Nov 3 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski	Nov 10 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
Nov 3 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Nov 10 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

Food Pantry



Nov 5 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
Nov 26 (SH)	Andrea Moran Margaret Smith Michele Furnare



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.

Sunday Raffle at St. Cecilia: We will gladly accept donations as we continue our Sunday raffle. Suggestions include a gift card for a local establishment, or baked goods. As always, we appreciate your support.

Another Successful Sale: A big “thank you” from St. Cecilia’s to those who donated or bought items at our recent rummage sale, and especially to those who worked before, during or after the sale. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Remade for Mission: The parishes of St. Mary’s, St. Stephens, Sacred Heart, St. Cecilia’s and Our Lady of Hope will be holding the first of our joint “Remade for Mission” meetings on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 6:00 PM at the Parish Hall at St. Mary’s Church in Amsterdam. We invite all who are able to attend.

Holiday Wreaths!
Fundraiser to benefit St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Faith Formation Classes
Hosted by Family Traditions Tree Farm

1 \$34 Balsam Only, Red Bow	2 \$34 Balsam Only, Buffalo Plaid Bow	3 \$41 Mixed Greens, Holiday Plaid, Cones
4 \$45 Mixed Greens, Buffalo Plaid, Cones, Berries	5 \$43 Mixed Greens, Cross, Silver Bow	6 \$42 Advent Wreath, Cones, Berries

Orders and payment are due by
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

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Pick up your order at St. Cecilia's Hall after Mass on
SUNDAY, December 7th

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Show your support for our Faith Formation program. Order sheets are available in the parish vestibule.

Calling all musicians for our upcoming St. Cecilia's Feast on Sunday Nov. 23 @ 2:00pm.

We are looking for instrumentalists and singers to be a part of our concert. Please contact Alison Wallace at 518-332-6354 Thank you

150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners
~ Nov 2nd thru Nov 8th ~

Baptisms

November 5, 1967 Todd Michael Smitka
November 5, 1967 Phillip Dwayne Springer
November 4, 1973 Jesse John Milonovich
November 4, 1973 Michelle Marie Dufel
November 3, 1974 LeeAnn Renee McNamara
November 5, 1978 Lisa Marie Alvarez
November 2, 1980 Matthew John Brooks
November 8, 1980 Michael Charles Redmond
November 7, 1982 Mark David Jablonski
November 6, 1983 Theodore James Rajter
November 3, 1991 Carlie Ann Krzys

Marriages

November 8, Salvatore Furnare & Michele E. Dillon

Deaths-Funerals

November 6, 1973 Emma VanAlstine
November 1, 1980 Dorothy Hovey
November 7, Elizabeth Quinn

Foundations for a Flourishing Future Part 2/6

Navigating difficult decisions: Reimagining and realigning our resources

True stewardship requires both courage and compassion. Every parish holds resources — people, finances and buildings — entrusted to us by God for the sake of the Gospel. When these are stretched thin, we must ask hard questions: Are our resources serving mission, or merely preserving structures? Is our energy focused on spreading Christ's love, or maintaining what no longer bears fruit?

Honesty demands that we recognize the challenges before us: aging facilities, fewer clergy, limited funds and changing demographics. These are not failures, but realities calling us to discernment. The work of restructuring is not a business decision; it is an act of faithfulness. It requires us to listen to one another, to weigh every choice in prayer, and to keep the most vulnerable among us at the center of our care.

Redeployment of resources may mean reimagining how parishes collaborate, sharing leadership and ministries, or consolidating buildings to free energy for mission. Such decisions are painful, yet they can open the door to new vitality. A parish that lets go of excess structures gains freedom to serve the poor, to form disciples and to reach those who feel far from God.

Through prayerful discernment and honest conversation, what first feels like loss can become renewal. We are not called to preserve institutions for their own sake, but to steward them for mission. With God's grace, even difficult choices can be transformed into opportunities to grow as communities of faith that shine as true beacons of hope.

Strategic planning as a spiritual discipline

Planning for the future of our parishes is not simply management — it is mission. Strategic planning becomes a spiritual discipline when it is rooted in prayer, discernment and alignment with the Gospel. Every resource — time, money, buildings and ministries — must be examined through one question: Does this help us proclaim Christ and make disciples?

Honesty requires us to look closely at how our parishes function. Are our ministries reaching new people? Do our finances reflect priorities of evangelization and service? Are our buildings serving the mission, or are they draining resources? These questions are not about cutting for efficiency, but about realigning all we do with the call of Christ.

Hope arises when we see planning as a chance to imagine boldly. A parish can identify concrete goals: increasing youth engagement, strengthening outreach, expanding small-group discipleship, or deepening prayer. Plans become pathways for renewal when they are realistic, measurable and reviewed often, not static documents that gather dust.

When we approach planning as faith-filled stewardship, it unites the community. Parishioners gain clarity on the mission, trust in leadership, and confidence that every sacrifice is directed toward the greater good of the Gospel. In this way, planning is transformed from a burden into a source of energy, focus and hope.

~ Father Brian Kelly—Vicar for the Promotion of Integral Parish Development

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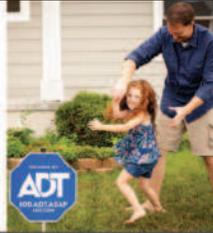
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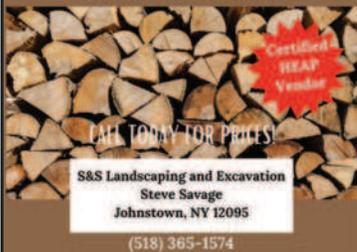
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