

O GOD,
BE MERCIFUL TO
ME A SINNER.

— LUKE 18:13 —

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Oct 25, 4:00 pm (SH)- † In loving memory of Richard Pawloski, requested by Barbara Minch & family.

Sun. Oct 26, 9:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad and Sammy.

Sun. Oct 26, 5:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tues. Oct 21 thru Sun. Oct 26, 2025

Tue. Oct 28, 8:00 am (SH) - Birthday blessings for Evelyn Titus, requested by the Healy family.

Wed. Oct 29, 8:00 am (SC) - no intention requested.

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

Fri. Oct 31, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Mary Galeazza, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

Sat. Nov 1, 4:00 pm (SH)- That we all may show heartfelt concern for all that are suffering.

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.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - OCTOBER 18/19

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	486.00	1106.00
OTHER	35.00	36.00
PARISH TOTAL	521.00	1143.00
ATTENDANCE	51	81

ASAP - 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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Oct 26, 2025 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 18 : 9-14

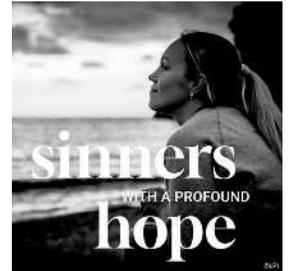
Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

-Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 25 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Katherine Downing	Nov 1 (SH)	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato
Oct 26 (SC)	Ken Stuff Andrea Moran	Nov 2 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Oct 27 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Nov 3 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski
Oct 27 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	Nov 3 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry



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



Share Your Thoughts: In hopes of getting the parishes involved in "Remade for Missions" we are posing a small group of question to all parishioners. Reflecting on the Mission of the Catholic Church, please answer these questions. If you wish to remain anonymous, your name is not required. If you wish to include your name or would like to discuss or elaborate, please include that. . **PLEASE** participate. We realize it is difficult to attend meetings, but this is your way to show your concerns in the future of your parish.

Remade For Mission: We are still looking for Volunteers to take the position of Facilitator for the Diocesan Remade for Mission for our SCC & SHC Parish communities. There is a "Facilitator's Training" on Oct 26. Remade for Mission Informational Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Fr. Brian Kelly will be presenting an overview of the Remade for Mission Initiative and will answer questions. # Last Sunday's, Oct 19, meeting at St. Ambrose Church, is available on the St. Ambrose YouTube Page: https://youtube.com/@stambrosemedia?si=_IXkmGYH9F_k5IQa

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. We will deliver the food to 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, baked good are always a popular choice There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule to prevent having more than one item donated in the same week. As always, we appreciate your support.

*150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners
~Oct 26th thru November 1st~*

Baptisms

*October 28, 1973 Shelly Marie Pasquarelli (Morreale)
October 30, 1983 Frank Ryan Alvarez
October 26, 1986 Marie Lynn Cross
November 1, 1987 Briana Lynn Halvey
November 1, 2003 David Cole Walsh
October 29, 2006 Emma Jack Rhodes*

Marriages

*November 28, 1967 Albert S. Chambers & Kathleen Rule
November 27, 1979 Terry A. Zawilinski & Ester A. Gardiner
November 26, 1980 Ralph Scott Romano & Sally A. Dopp
November 26, 1984 Sylvester Pasquarelli & Christine Novak*

Deaths-Funerals

*November 1, 1980 Dorothy Hovey
November 26, 1985 Louis A Boggie
October 30, 1986 Michael Cassidy
October 31, 2002 Winifred Gauwin
October 26, 2003 Lynn Roy Goodspeed*

Foundations for a Flourishing Future Part 1/6

The Church exists for mission: to proclaim Christ and bring His love to the world. From the earliest disciples to our own parishes, the call has never changed — "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). Yet in our time, we face new realities: fewer people practicing the faith, shifting demographics and resources stretched thin. If we remain turned inward, focused only on maintaining what we have, we risk becoming detached from the very people Christ sends us to serve. This is our chance to step back and reflect upon how well we are spreading the Gospel through encounter, relationships and personally sharing our faith with everyone we meet.

We must take an honest look at ourselves: Are we primarily maintaining buildings and programs, or are we reaching the searching, the struggling and those on the margins? Have we settled into comfort, or are we willing to step into the missionary life of the Gospel? These questions are not meant to discourage us, but to awaken us. They reveal where the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow.

A flourishing future will not be built on nostalgia, but on renewal rooted in mission. To move forward, parishes must shift from maintenance to mission, from being sanctuaries for insiders to launch pads for discipleship. This requires openness to new ways of organizing, courage to re-examine assumptions and faith that God provides what is needed for His work.

We take hope in knowing that Christ has not abandoned His Church. The same Spirit who emboldened the apostles now calls us to reimagine parish life for the 21st century. With honesty, humility and courage, we can create parishes that are vibrant centers of evangelization, community and service. Our future is not one of decline, but of transformation — if we remain faithful to the mission entrusted to us. This is a time for all of us to go out into the world and proclaim the "Good News."

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

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!

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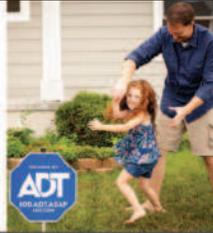
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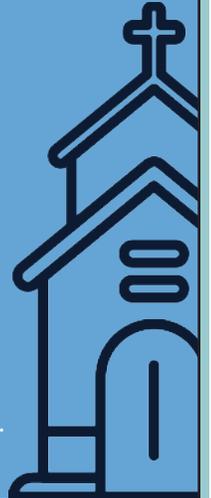
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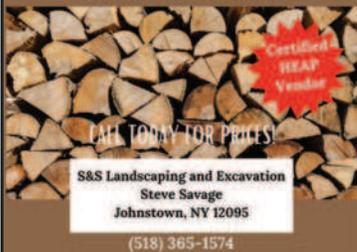
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