

APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# JESUS HIMSELF DREW NEAR AND WALKED WITH THEM.

LUKE 24:15



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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*



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*Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts  
The hearts of men have been*



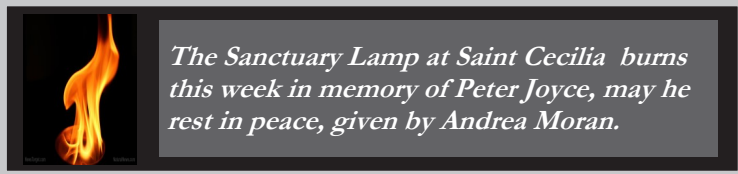
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**THE SACRED HEART'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:**

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp at Saint Cecilia burns this week in memory of Peter Joyce, may he rest in peace, given by Andrea Moran.



**Sat. Apr 18, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** † In memory of Claudia Rokitowski, requested by Deb Swarczewski.

**2.)** † In loving memory of Angela DeLorenzo, requested by her Trakside Friends.

**Sun. Apr 19, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.)** † For the repose of the soul of Peter Joyce, requested by the Faith Formation family.

**2.)** † For the repose of the soul of Evelyn Knowlton, requested by Jim Wray & family

**Sun. Apr 19, 4:00 pm (SC) -** For the people of the parish

**Tues. Apr 21 thru Sun. Apr 26, 2026**

**Tue. Apr 21, 8:00 am (SH)** -For the people of the parish.

**Wed. Apr 22, 8:00 am (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**Thurs. Apr 23, 8:00 am (SH)** - † In memory of Eneida Trujillo, requested by Ludwig Sell.

**Fri. Apr 24, 8:00 am (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**Sat. Apr 25, 4:00 pm (SH)** - 1.) † In loving memory of Belinda Douglass, on the third year of her passing, requested by George Stanwick.

**2.)** † In loving memory of Stephen V. Bilins, requested by his wife, Barbara.

**Sun. Apr 26, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.)** † In memory of Bertrand Wray, requested by Cousin Jim Wray & family.

**2.)** † For the repose of the soul of Peter Joyce, requested by Michele Furnare & family.

**Sun. Apr 26, 4:00 pm (SC)** - For the people of the parish

**Second Collections**

April 26 (SCC) Cemetery Support  
May 3 - Maintenance & Repairs

**COLLECTIONS TOTALS - APRIL 11/12 COLLECTIONS:**

	<u>SH</u>	<u>SC</u>
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1145.00	1120.25
OTHER	35.00	85.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>1180.00</b>	<b>1186.00</b>
ATTENDANCE	70	71



**2025-26 DIOCESAN APPEAL**

	<u>SH</u>	
<u>SC</u>		
AMOUNT NEEDED	5000.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	3064.00	3606.00
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>1936.00</b>	<b>1394.00</b>

**DIOCESAN APPEAL IN FULL FORCE**

As members of a vibrant and united Church, we are called not only to worship together but also to support one another.

The **Diocesan Appeal** is a vital way we do this - by sharing our gifts to strengthen ministries and outreach across our diocese. Your contribution directly supports: **Faith formation and youth ministry, Seminarian Education and Vocations, Catholic Charities, Parish Outreach, Support for Retired Clergy**, and so much more! The appeal is not just about meeting an obligation - it's about building a **community of faith and service together.**



Envelopes are in the pews or poster boards with the QR code for direct donation.

For more information or to donate, please visit [www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org](http://www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org)

**Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

Apr 18 (SH)	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato	Apr 25 (SH)	George Stanwick Cathy Parry
Apr 19 (SC)	Kayleigh Araujo Bill Quinn	Apr 26 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Dave Marcais

**Counters Schedule**

Apr 20 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Apr 27 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell
Apr 20 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Apr 27 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

**Food Pantry**



April 22 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon
May 6 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



**Sunday 4pm Mass Canceled In May:** Next Sunday (April 26th) will be the final 4pm Holy Mass at St Cecilia, while Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine (Auriesville) begins celebrating Holy Mass on Sundays at 3pm. This will remain in effect until the shrine closes for the season.

**Pie Raffle at Sacred Heart:** Our pie raffle has returned, take a chance on this delicious raffle, donations of pies are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**2025-26 Diocesan Appeal:** Our Appeal is well under way. Your gift helps our parishes and our diocese to serve others and spread the Gospel in meaningful, lasting ways. Please prayerfully consider a contribution.

**Sacred Heart Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:** We could certainly use your help on our schedule. It's a relatively easy way to serve your parish. If you have any questions, please see Sandi or approach one of our existing volunteers.

**Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser:** Our parking dates this season are final. Please call Kelly@ 518-774-7250 with any questions or to volunteer. Thanks so much!

Saturday-May 2

Wednesday-July 1

Friday-September 4 (fair)

Friday-September 18

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*April 19, 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Luke 24:13-35*

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

*-Father John Muir*

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We have all been anticipating how much our parish is expected to pay toward the bankruptcy settlement and we have been told every parish will be stretched to the limit. However, Bishop Mark has said that the amount we pay will not be the cause of any parish to be closed. Some parishes are expected to pay a few thousand because of their financial situation while others will be paying a few million because they have greater assets and operating capital. We happen to be assessed Seven Thousand dollars for St. Cecilia's and Two Thousand for Sacred Heart. We will need to have that ready in the next couple of months. Even though that is a large number for us, it will allow us to do our part in compensating those who have been abused. As stated before this doesn't make up for that, but it helps us acknowledge the faults of some members of our church and more importantly show those who have been hurt that we aren't all talk without any action.

Please continue to keep all who were hurt in any way in our prayers. Pray also for the abusers and those who knew what was happening that we not forget the lesson learned from turning our backs on something we know to be wrong but to speak up and be sure to take corrective action when needed. Not just in the Church but throughout our lives.

May Almighty God Bless us all,  
Deacon Joe



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