

APRIL 26, 2026



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

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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]*

Welcome! Are you new to the parish?

Do you come to Mass regularly but have not yet registered?
If you wish to become a member of our family, please fill out this form (there are forms in the vestibule as well). You can return it in the offertory basket or mail it to the church.

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Do you wish to receive envelopes? Yes No

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.



Sat. Apr 25, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In loving memory of Belinda Douglas, 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

Tues. Apr 28 thru Sun. Apr May 3, 2026

Tue. Apr 28, 8:00 am (SH) -† Anniversary remembrance for Evelyn & Francis Knowlton, requested by their children and grandchildren.

Wed. Apr 29, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

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

Fri. May 1, 8:00 am (SC) - For the health and healing of Christopher Carpenter.

Sat. May 2, 4:00 pm (SH) - For the health and healing for Christopher Carpenter.

Sun. May 3, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † In loving memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.

2.) † For the repose of the soul of Peter Joyce, requested by Jim Wray & family.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - APRIL 18/19 COLLECTIONS:

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	812.00	1302.00
OTHER	35.00	10.00
PARISH TOTAL	847.00	1312.00
ATTENDANCE	50	67+28

Second Collections

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



2025-26 DIOCESAN APPEAL

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	5000.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	4139.00	3708.00
BALANCE	861.00	1292.00

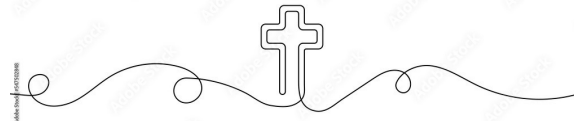
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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 the 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 this 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!



Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Apr 25 (SH)	George Stanwick Cathy Parry	May 2 (SH)	Cathy Parry volunteer
Apr 26 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Dave Marcais	May 3 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Dianne Kierpiec

Counters Schedule

Apr 27 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell	May 4 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
Apr 27 (C)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	May 4 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry



May 6 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
May 27 (SC)	Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds



First Communion: This year's First Communion will be Sunday May 3rd at the 9am Mass at St. Cecilia. Please pray for our students Cianna, Colt, Jasmine & Abby as they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Sunday 4pm Mass Canceled In May: This 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.

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.

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

Duc in Altum Discernment Nights: Currently through June 23, 2026, hosted every other Tuesday from 5:30-8:30pm. St Isaac Jogues House of Formation, 122 Vliet Blvd, Cohoes. Open to men ages 16+. Please let the office know you plan to attend prior to each specific date. Call 518-453-6690 or email vocations@rcda.org

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 26, 2026 - 4th Sunday of Easter - John 10:1-10

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: "He is out of his mind."

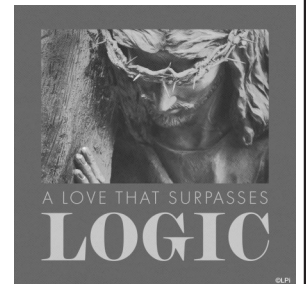
C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you

-Father John Muir

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**Diocesan
Appeal**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany



"Give and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together, shaken down,
and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.
For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you."

LUKE 6:38

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