

AUGUST 9, 2026



19th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. 'It is a ghost,' they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.'" Matthew 14:26-27

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ACTS OF FAITH BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, "My Flesh is food indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed." I firmly believe that You are present in this Blessed Sacrament as true God and true Man, with Your Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity are really here, with all Your treasures; that here You communicate Yourself to us, make us partakers of the fruit of Your Passion, and give us a pledge of eternal life. My Redeemer and my Judge, together with the angels and saints I adore Your Divine Majesty. I believe there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive You worthily, nor a greater misery than to receive You unworthily. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what You have taught us by Your Church. Amen.



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.

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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.

Sat. Aug 8, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In loving 84th birthday remembrance of Patricia Grandy, requested by husband, children and family.

Sun. Aug 9, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † In memory of Jack Brookhiser, requested by Ann & John Mahon.
2.) † Repose of the soul of Linda Coyne, requested by Paul & Suzanne Field.
3.) † In loving 96th birthday remembrance of Al Mancini, requested by his wife Joyce & family.

Tues. Aug 11 thru Sun. Aug 16, 2026

Tue. Aug 11, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of Elizabeth Prany, requested by her parish family.

Wed. Aug 12, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler, requested by Sheila & John Cranker.

Thurs. Aug 13, 8:00 am (SH) - † In loving birthday remembrance of Beverly Chartier, requested by the Healy family.

Fri. Aug 14, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. Aug 15, 4:00 pm (SH) - † For the repose of the soul of Frank Puglia, requested by his parish family.

Sun. Aug 16, 9:00 am (SC) - † Repose of the soul of Linda Coyne, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

Collection Schedule

Aug 15 - Assumption

Aug 15/16 - Missions Appeal

Aug 22/23 - Catholic Home Missions

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!



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COLLECTIONS TOTALS - AUG 1/2 COLLECTIONS:

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1265.00	659.00
PARISH TOTAL	1265 .00	659.00
ATTENDANCE	35	36

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 8 (SH)	Volunteers	Aug 15 (SH)	Volunteer Tony Stellato
Aug 9 (SC)	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn	Aug 16 (SC)	Ken Stuff Dave Marcais

Counters Schedule

Aug 10 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Aug 17 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski
Aug 10 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Aug 17 (SC)	Margaret Smith Kathleen Harris

Food Pantry

Aug 26 (Sc)	Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds
September 2 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



Mission Appeal: Next weekend (Aug 15/16), a Carmelite Friar will be with us at both Masses to tell us about Carmelite missionary work. The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education and conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on 5 continents. Your generosity in this second collection next week will be greatly appreciated.

Feast of the Assumption Festival:

To celebrate the Assumption on August 15th, the Knights of Columbus -Amsterdam Council will hosts a celebration at 193 West Main Street, Amsterdam. Activities include a Holy Procession of the Virgin Mary's Sacred Statue at 11:30AM; there will be Food refreshments, Vintage Car exhibits, etc. Everyone is invited!

Sacred Heart Chicken BBQ: We will be having a chicken BBQ @ O'Reilly Auto Parts in Amsterdam on **Friday, September 11** from **1:30-5:30**. Presale tickets are \$16 (our parish gets \$5 per sale). We have been encouraged to sell as many presale as possible for the optimal profit. If you purchase a presale ticket, you may request pickup at Sacred Heart. This is an exciting new fundraiser for us. Let's give it our all.

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!
Friday-September 4 (fair)
Friday-September 18

St. Mary's Institute Constantino Scholarships:

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Bonfire Blast

Saturday August 29

Join us for a summer evening of music, food, and firelight!



6:00pm—9:00pm

Picnic Dinner
Live music
Yard games
Fun for all ages

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and friends for a night of great tunes and summer vibes!

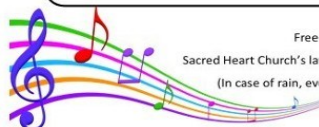
Burgers and hot dogs & drinks served—bring a side dish or dessert to share

Local Musicians

Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle

&

Tribes Hill's very own: Country Jim Healy and his band



Free admission—All are Welcome!

Sacred Heart Church's lawn—111 Third Ave, Tribes Hill

(In case of rain, event will be held in church hall)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 9, 2026 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 14:22-33

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

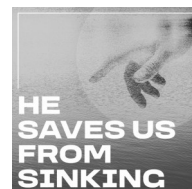
Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

-Father John Muir

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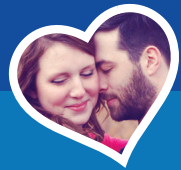
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