

AUGUST 23, 2026



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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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.

ALWAYS
REMEMBERED

Sat. Aug 22, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) Birthday blessings to Jim Healy, requested by his family.

2.) † In memory of John Chicoski, requested by the Sacred Heart parish.

Sun. Aug 23, 9:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad and Sammy.

Tues. Aug 25 thru Sun. Aug 30, 2026

Tue. Aug 25, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Aug 26, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Thurs. Aug 27, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Fri. Aug 28, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. Aug 29, 4:00 pm (SH) - For those in the midst of depression and chaos, may they claim God's peace over their minds and hearts.

Sun. Aug 30, 9:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Betty J. Moore, requested by Kathleen Harris.

Collection Schedule

Aug 22/23 - Catholic Home Missions

Aug 29 - (SH) Repairs/Maintenance originally 8/15

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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	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	861.00	781.00
WORLD MISSION	250.00	265.00
PARISH TOTAL	861.00	781.00
ATTENDANCE	43	40

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 22 (SH)	George Stanwick Cathy Parry	Aug 29 (SH)	Cathy Parry Volunteer
Aug 23 (SC)	Kayleigh Araujo Dianne Kierpiec	Aug 30 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathy Marcais

Counters Schedule

Aug 24 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall	Aug 31 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery
Aug 24 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Aug 31 (SC)	Margaret Smith Kathleen Harris

Food Pantry

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



Sacred Heart Bonfire Blast: Next week (Aug 29) is our annual Bonfire Blast following the Vigil Mass. Hope to see you all there. Please feel free to bring chips, salads, desserts or anything you would like to share. There will be lots of music, food, fun and firelight.

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

Faith Formation Classes Begin: We warmly invite all children and families to join us for a new year of learning and growing in discipleship. Classes will begin for the St Cecilia and Sacred Heart combined Faith Formation program on Sunday, September 20th at 10 AM in the St Cecilia parish hall. Registration and a short meeting for parents/guardians will be at the same time. No family will be turned away because of an inability to pay. We welcome returning and new students as well as those who have drifted away. There is always a place for you in our parish community. *Additionally, **adults are needed to volunteer as catechists, substitutes, assistants, and gatekeepers**. Older teens are welcome to volunteer as well. See Alison or contact the parish office if interested.

St. Cecilia Rummage Sale: will take place this year on Oct. 16th (8-3) and 17th (8-12). All proceeds will go to the church restoration fund. We are asking for donations of gently used clothing, baby items, linens, household goods, knick-knacks, holiday decorations, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, and small furniture. Please no tires, TVs, computers, large furniture, broken or dirty items. Items may be dropped off at St. Cecilia's detached garage starting August 30 through October 12. The right-hand door will be left unlocked. Help with setting up is needed Oct. 12, 13, and 14 starting at 8:30 and on the days of the sale starting at 7:45. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact Bill or Lorna Quinn with any questions 838-249-6412.



Sacred Heart Church
Chicken BBQ (hosted by Sturgess)
Friday, September 11th—1:30-5:30
@ O'Reilly Auto Parts
NY-30 Amsterdam

Presale tickets are available for
\$16 at Sacred Heart Church in
Tribes Hill
(presale tickets can request pickup at church)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE August 23, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.



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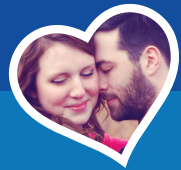
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