

22nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

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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 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.

Tues. Aug 25 thru Sun. Aug 30, 2026

Tue. Sept 1, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish

Wed. Sept 2, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish

Thurs. Sept 3, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of Dr. Jane Slezak, requested by George Stanwick.

Fri. Sept 4, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. Sept 5, 4:00 pm (SH) - † For the repose of the soul of Kelly Marie LaLone, requested by Christine Wolff & Jennifer Crouse.

Sun. Sept 6, 9:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Frank & Marinda Arcesi, requested by their daughter, Mary Ann.

Collection Schedule

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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COLLECTIONS TOTALS - AUG 22/23 COLLECTIONS:

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	679.00	707.00
HOME MISSIONS	112.00	321.00
PARISH TOTAL	679.00	707.00
ATTENDANCE	43	47

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 29 (SH)	Cathy Parry Volunteer	Sept 5 (SH)	Volunteer Tony Stellato
Aug 30 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathy Marçais	Sept 6 (SC)	Kathy Marçais Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

Aug 31 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Sept 7 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell
Aug 31 (SC)	Margaret Smith Kathleen Harris	Sept 8 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marçais

Food Pantry

September 2 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
September 23 (SC)	Andrea Moran Margaret Smith Michele Furnare



Sacred Heart Bonfire Blast: Today is our annual Bonfire Blast following the Vigil Mass. You all will be here. 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.

Healing Mass: First Thursday Healing Mass at Sacred Heart is now 6pm. This gives parishioners the option of an evening or morning Mass between the 2 parishes.

First Thursday—Sacred Heart— 6PM

First Friday—Saint Cecilia— 8AM



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 16:21-27

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

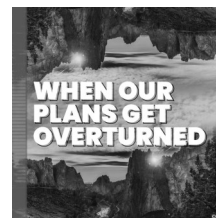
Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

Father John Muir

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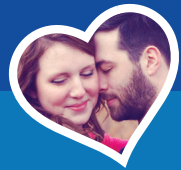
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