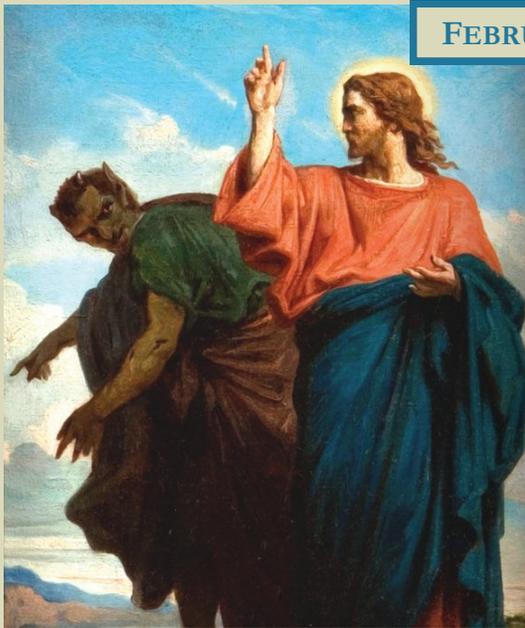


FEBRUARY 22, 2026

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
- Mt 4:8-9

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Lenten Season's Community Stations of the Cross

followed by a Holy Mass every Thursday-5:15PM at SHC and every Fridays-5:15 at SCC. While Saturdays & Sundays, 10 minutes before the Weekend Holy Mass, to be lead by the assigned Lector.

There will be no 8AM Mass on Thursday and Friday during the Lenten season.

*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]*



2025-26 DIOCESAN APPEAL

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	5000.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	100.00	2129.00
BALANCE	4900.00	2871.00

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. Feb 21, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In loving memory of Janice DeJulius, requested by Barbara Krawiecki & family..

Sun. Feb 22, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † In loving memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.
2.) † In memory of Pat Grandy, requested by Joan O'Brien.

Sun. Feb 22, 4:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tues. Feb 24 thru Sun. Feb 29, 2026

Tue. Feb 24, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Feb 25, 8:00 am (SC) - † Birthday remembrance for Arylene Minney, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

Thurs. Feb 26, 5:15 pm (SH) - Healing prayers for Ingeborg Mimnaugh, requested by her family.

Fri. Feb 27, 5:15 pm (SC) - † In memory of Ron Soper, requested by Michele Furnare & family.

Sat. Feb 28, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In memory of Janice DeJulius, requested by Ron & Cathy Parry.

Sun. Mar 1, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † Birthday remembrance for Francine Dimond Wyzomirski, requested by Roy & family.

2.) † In loving memory of Patti Grandy, requested by Debbie & Steve Oare.

Sun. Mar 1, 4:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

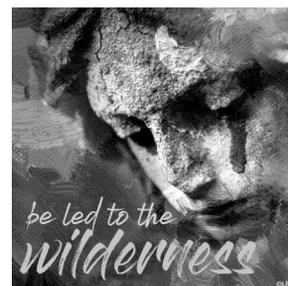
Feb 22, 2026 - First Sunday of Lent - Matthew 4:1-11

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

-Father John Muir
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Second Collections

Feb 22 Blk, Nat Am, Latin Am Missions

Mar 1 (SH)Fuel/Heat (SC) Repair/Maint

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 21 (SH)	George Stanwick Cathy Parry	Feb 28 (SH)	Cathy Parry Tony Stellato
Feb 22 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Andrea Moran	Mar 1 (SC)	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Feb 23 (SH)	Kathy Avery Katherine Downing	Mar 2 (SH)	Barbara Bilins Wendy Hall
Feb 23 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Mar 2 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

Food Pantry



Feb 25 (SC)	Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds
March 4 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



COLLECTIONS TOTALS - FEB 14/15 COLLECTIONS:

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1187.00	980.00
FUEL & HEAT	272.00	637.00
OTHER	35.00	25.00
PARISH TOTAL	1221.00	1642.00
ATTENDANCE	63	61

Mass Cancellations, Winter Protocol: During the winter months, if FFCS has a delay or cancellation, Mass will be canceled on that day.

Saint Cecilia Votives: The suggested donation for votive candles will now be \$3 as the cost of the candles has dramatically increased.

Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner: Our annual spaghetti dinner will be held on Sunday, March 15 from noon until 4:00pm. We are in need of volunteers for the day, we need everyone to sell dinner & raffle tickets. We need desserts and also baskets for the basket raffle. This is our biggest and best fundraiser of the year. Let's all make it a dinner to remember.

Sacred Heart Lector/Eucharistic Minister Schedule: 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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

DATE: Sunday, March 15, 2026

TIME: Noon – 4:00 pm

PRICE: Adults \$12.00 / Kids \$5.00

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE: (518) 829-7301

Basket Raffles
50 / 50 Raffles
Cash Raffles



Community Event
Great Food

Duc in Altum Discernment Nights: Sept 23, 2025 thru 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

Many Thanks To Our Volunteers: Have you ever just paused to think of the many acts of kindness our volunteers do around our parishes? When the church is decorated so beautifully on so many occasions, when the parking lot is plowed or the walkways cleared, when minor (and sometimes kinda major) repairs are done, greeters, counters, lectors, eucharistic minister, housekeeping, those serving on committees.....Both parishes have volunteers to plow the snow, that alone saved us thousands this year. When you encounter a volunteer, maybe offer them thanks. They love these parishes and are living out their faith. If you don't know who they are, please feel free to ask.



Led by the Spirit

A Retreat for Men to Explore
the Vocation to Priesthood

12:30-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 8 at St. Ambrose Church
Adoration & Confession to follow

Join the Albany Diocese Vocations Team for a daylong retreat centered on vocations to the priesthood. Attendees will interact with members of the Vocations Team and have time for prayer and fellowship as they learn more about this vital vocation and how to discern it.

Bishop Mark will be present to celebrate Mass and for discussion.

For information and registration, visit www.rcda.org/vocations

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