

MARCH 1, 2026

2ND SUNDAY
OF LENT

His face shone
like the sun and his
clothes became white
as light. - Mt 17:2

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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	1500.00	2169.00
BALANCE	3500.00	2831.00

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 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.

Tues. Feb 24 thru Sun. Feb 29, 2026

Tue. Mar 3, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of Joel Szabo, requested by the Healy family.

Wed. Mar 4, 8:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul for Michael Vacek, requested by John & Ann Mahon.

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

Fri. Mar 6, 5:15 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish

Sat. Mar 7, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In memory of Herman & Terry Lauritano, requested by Deb Swarczewski.

Sun. Mar 8, 9:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Patty Grandy, requested by Joyce Mancini.

Sun. Mar 8, 4:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent - Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

-Father John Muir
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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 28 (SH)	Cathy Parry Tony Stellato	Mar 7 (SH)	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato
Mar 1 (SC)	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn	Mar 8 (SC)	Ken Stuff Dave Marcais

Counters Schedule

Mar 2 (SH)	Barbara Bilins Wendy Hall	Mar 9 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery
Mar 2 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	Mar 9 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry



March 4 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
March 25 (SC)	Andrea Moran Margaret Smith Michele Furnare



Second Collections

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

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - FEB 21/22 COLLECTIONS:

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	980.00	689.00
OTHER	237.00	125.00
PARISH TOTAL	1217.00	814.00
ATTENDANCE	39	75

2026 Souper Bowl of Caring: Together, our parishes raised \$326 and 83 food items for the Fonda Area Food Pantry (SC- \$195 and 45 items / SH- \$131 and 38 items).

Pie Raffle at Sacred Heart: We will be postponing the pie raffle until March 21. It will return after the spaghetti dinner.

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

St. Mary's Holy Tuesday: Fr. Juanito will be joining Fr. Nate at St. Mary's on Holy Tuesday

Thank You!



Your church relies on your contributions 52 Sundays per year and the second collections to pay bills. We are thankful for your contributions in support of our parish.



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



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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