

MARCH 8, 2026

# A WOMAN OF SAMARIA CAME TO DRAW WATER.

JOHN 4:7

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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	1800.00	2169.00
BALANCE	3200.00	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. 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.

**Tues. Mar 10thru Sun. Mar 15, 2026**

**Tue. Mar 10, 8:00 am (SH)** - For the people of the parish.

**Wed. Mar 11, 8:00 am (SC)** - † Birthday remembrance for Arylene Minney, requested by Pat & George Galeazza..

**Thurs. Mar 12, 5:15 pm (SH)** - † In memory of Joel Szabo, requested by his friends at Sacred Heart.

**Fri. Mar 13, 5:15 pm (SC)** - For the people of the parish

**Sat. Mar 14, 4:00 pm (SH)** - † In memory of John & Genevieve Sargalis, requested by their daughter Janet Zilka & family..

**Sun. Mar 15, 9:00 am (SC)** - † For the repose of the soul of Patricia Grandy, requested by Esther Porcello.

**Sun. Mar 16, 4:00 pm (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

*March 8, 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent - John 4:5-42*

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

-Father John Muir  
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**Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>Mar 7 (SH)</b>	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato	<b>Mar 14 (SH)</b>	George Stanwick Toby Stellato
<b>Mar 8 (SC)</b>	Ken Stuff Dave Marcais	<b>Mar 15 (SC)</b>	Kayleigh Araujo Dianne Kierpiec

**Counters Schedule**

<b>Mar 9 (SH)</b>	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	<b>Mar 16 (SH)</b>	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell
<b>Mar 9 (SC)</b>	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	<b>Mar 16 (SC)</b>	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

**Food Pantry**



<b>March 25 (SC)</b>	Andrea Moran Margaret Smith Michele Furnace
<b>April 1 (SH)</b>	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



**Second Collections**

**Mar 15 Catholic Relief Services**

**COLLECTIONS TOTALS - FEB 28/MARCH 1 COLLECTIONS:**

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1018.00	669.00
OTHER	363.00	556.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>1381.00</b>	<b>1225.00</b>
ATTENDANCE	68	66

**Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner:** Our annual spaghetti dinner is next 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.

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

**2025-26 Diocesan Appeal:** Our Appeal is well under way. Your gift helps our parishes and our diocese to serve others and spread the Gospel in meaningful, lasting ways. Please prayerfully consider a contribution.

**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.

**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](mailto:vocations@rcda.org)

**St. Mary's Holy Tuesday:** Fr. Juanito will be joining Fr. Nate at St. Mary's on Holy Tuesday (March 31) at 6:00pm to hear confessions.

## **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



### Lenten Schedule

**March 19 (Thursday) – SHC - Solemnity of St. Joseph,** Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a special blessing of donated food items in honor of “Saint Joseph’s Table”. Two weeks before March 19 we will announce a reminder to seek donations from parishioners of both parishes. Food will be donated to our local Food Pantry.

### Holy Week begins on March 29 (Palm Sunday).

We will once again need 12 volunteers of mixed ages from both parishes for the reenactment of the “Washing of Feet” in “**The Lord’s Last Supper Mass**” on **April 2 (Thursday) at SCC @ 6pm**; followed by a traditional devotion of “Spending One Hour” with the Lord before the Most Blessed Sacrament after a simple “Procession of the Blessed Sacrament” Rite. Confession/Reconciliation Service will also be available.

### The ‘Good Friday’ Rite is on April 3 (Friday) @ SHC.

It will begin with a community’s (from SCC-SHC)

**‘Stations of the Cross’ @ 2:30pm** followed by

**‘Veneration of the Cross’** devotion and Communion Service.

### Black Saturday – April 4 -(9am) @ SCC, is a

community “**Morning/Lauds**” Prayer. The **Easter Vigil Mass @ SCC** is on **April 4 @ 7pm**. The Blessing of the Easter Basket Food (if there is) will be after the Easter Vigil Mass @ SCC.

**Easter Sunday Mass** is @ SHC at 9am

@ SCC at 4pm Sacred Heart

Rectory Basement Chapel

### Lenten Season’s Community’s Stations of the Cross followed by a Holy Mass every

Thursday at SHC @ 5:30pm

Friday at SCC @ 5:30pm



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