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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	2049.00	2209.00
BALANCE	2951.00	2791.00

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 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 15, 4:00 pm (SC) - Afternoon Mass is canceled this week.

Tues. Mar 17 thru Sun. Mar 22, 2026

Tue. Mar 17, 8:00 am (SH) - Strength & healing for Theresa Rohling, during & post surgery, requested by her Sacred Heart family.

Wed. Mar 18, 8:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Evelyn Knowlton, requested by Michele Furnare & family.

Thurs. Mar 19, 5:15 pm (SH) - To bless the hands that plant, harvest and prepare food.

Fri. Mar 20, 5:15 pm (SC) - For the Confirmation of Dominic Furnare, as he takes this important step of faith, requested by his grandmother, Michele.

Sat. Mar 21, 4:00 pm (SH) - To remove the stigma of depression and mental health.

Sun. Mar 22, 9:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Pat Grandy, requested by Dolores Wohlgemuth.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 15, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - John 9:1-41

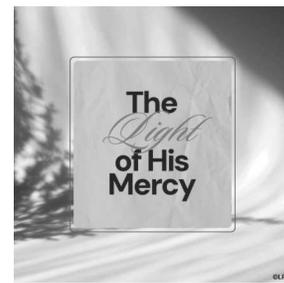
If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

-Father John Muir
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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 14 (SH)	George Stanwick Tony Stellato	Mar 21 (SH)	Tony Stellato Kathy Avery
Mar 15 (SC)	Kayleigh Araujo Dianne Kierpiec	Mar 22 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathy Marcais

Counters Schedule

Mar 16 (SH)	Barbar Bilins Wendy Hall	Mar 23 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell
Mar 16 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	Mar 23 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

March 25 (SC)	Andrea Moran Margaret Smith Michele Furnare
April 1 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



Second Collections

Mar 15 Catholic Relief Services

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MARCH 7/8 COLLECTIONS:

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	987.00	623.00
OTHER	35.00	112.00
PARISH TOTAL	1022.00	735.00
ATTENDANCE	50	60

Catholic Relief Services Collection: This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to *reveal Christ's love* to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Pie Raffle at Sacred Heart: Our pie raffle will return next weekend, March 21.

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

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.

Sunday 4pm Mass Canceled In May: The 4pm Holy Mass at St Cecilia will be canceled **beginning in May**, when Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine (Auriesville) begins celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday at 3pm. This will remain in effect until the shrine closes for the season.

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 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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