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• 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT •

**LAZARUS,
COME OUT!**

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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]*

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 21, 4:00 pm (SH) - † *In loving memory of Jack Joseph Jowett, requested by his family & friends.*

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.*

Tues. Mar 24 thru Sun. Mar 29, 2026

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

Wed. Mar 25, 8:00 am (SC) - *For the people of the parish.*

Thurs. Mar 26, 5:15 pm (SH) - *To guide the world toward peace and compassion.*

Fri. Mar 27, 5:15 pm (SC) - *For the people of the parish.*

Sat. Mar 28, 4:00 pm (SH) - † *In memory of David Sargalis, requested by Janet Zilka & family.*

Sun. Mar 29, 9:00 am (SC) - † *For the repose of the soul of Pat Grandy, requested by Martin & Dianne Kierpiec.*

Sun. Mar 29, 4:00 pm (SC) - *For the people of the parish.*

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 22, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Lent - John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

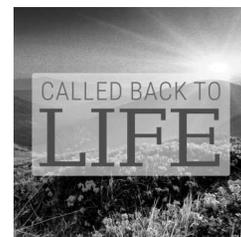
It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

-Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 21 (SH)	Tony Stellato Kathy Avery	Mar 28 (SH)	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato
Mar 22 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathy Marcais	Mar 29 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

Mar 23 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell	30 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery
Mar 23 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Mar 30 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

Food Pantry



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



Second Collections

Mar 22 Easter Flowers

April 2 (SHC) Holy Land/Good Friday

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MARCH 7/8 COLLECTIONS:

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1342.00	1798.00
OTHER	35.00	320.00
PARISH TOTAL	1377.00	2118.00
ATTENDANCE	46	55

Many Thanks from Sacred Heart: We would like to give a sincere “thank you” to all that attended our annual spaghetti dinner. It is so amazing to see all of the friendly faces, share stories and so many laughs. It would not be the success that it is without the help of so many wonderful volunteers; the cooking, cleaning, basket and dessert donations, selling tickets, waiting tables, serving, finding ad sponsors, spreading the word in genera;. So very many people and hearts involved. Thank you!!!!!!

Pie Raffle at Sacred Heart: Our pie raffle has returned , take a chance on this delicious raffle, donations of pies are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

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 Ministers: 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: Currently through 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 Sundays at 3pm. This will remain in effect until the shrine closes for the season.



2025-26 DIOCESAN APPEAL

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	5000.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	2964.00	2309.00
BALANCE	2036.00	2691.00

Lenten Schedule

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

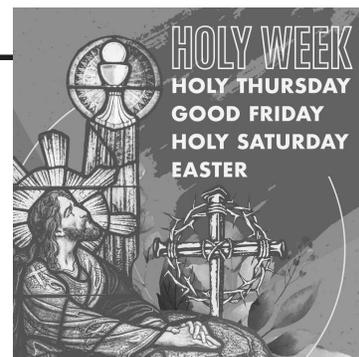
@ SHC at 9am

@ SCC at 4pm Rectory Basement Chapel

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

Thursday at SHC @ 5:15pm

Friday at SCC @ 5:15pm



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