

MARCH 29, 2026

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*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]*

• PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD •

“HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.”

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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 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.

Tues. Mar 31 thru Sun. Apr 5, 2026

Tue. Mar 31, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Apr 1, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Thurs. Apr 2 6:00 pm (SC) - To guide the world toward peace and compassion.

Fri. Apr 3, 2:30 pm (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. Apr 4, 7:00 pm (SC) - † In loving memory of Karen Ford, requested by her husband Joey & family.

Sun. Apr 5, 9:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish

Sun. Apr 5, 4:00 pm (SC) - † In loving memory of Karen Ford, requested by her husband Joey & family.

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

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 28 (SH)	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato	Apr 4 (SH)	George Stanwick Cathy Parry
Mar 29 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Ken Stuff	Apr 5 (SC)	Ann Mahon Michele Furnare

Counters Schedule

Mar 30 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Apr 6 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell
Mar 30 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	Apr 6 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

April 1 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
April 22 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon



Second Collections

April 2 (SHC) Holy Land/Good Friday

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MARCH 21/22 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **“A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head” (Matthew 26:7).** The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image

begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **“She has done a good thing for me” (Matthew 26:10).** Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

-Father John Muir

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