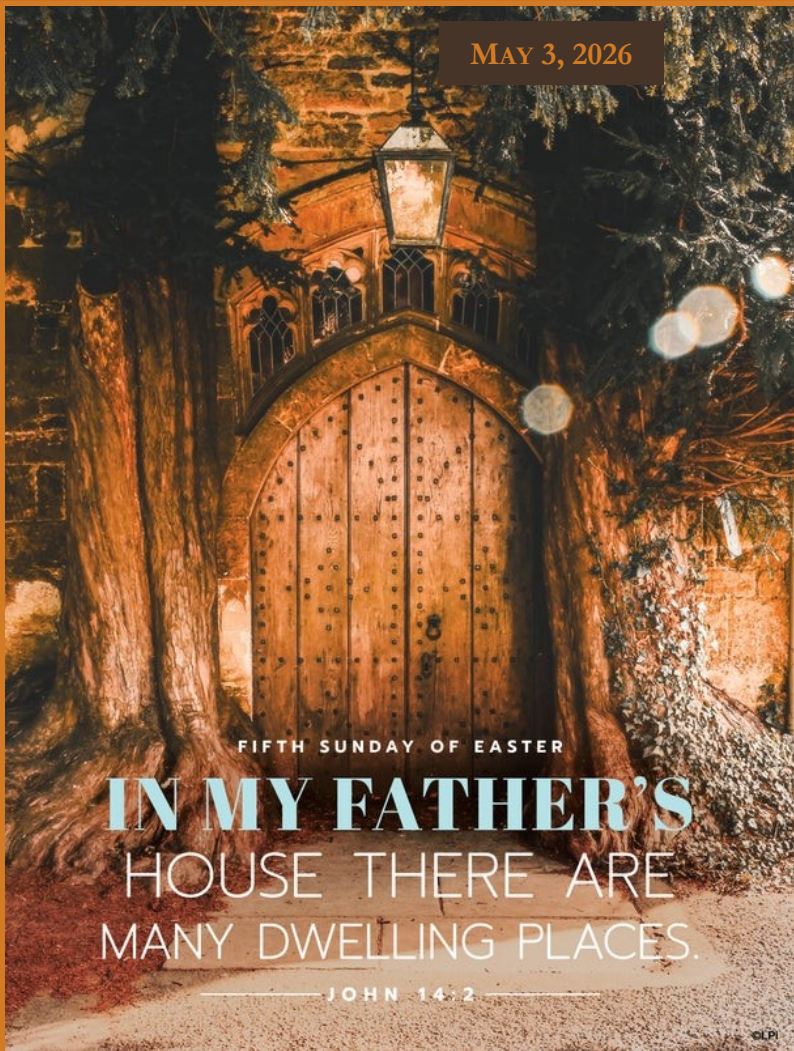


MAY 3, 2026



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**IN MY FATHER'S
HOUSE THERE ARE
MANY DWELLING PLACES.**

JOHN 14:2

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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]*

Welcome! Are you new to the parish?

Do you come to Mass regularly but have not yet registered?

If you wish to become a member of our family, please fill out this form (there are forms in the vestibule as well). You can return it in the offertory basket or mail it to the church.

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Do you wish to receive envelopes? ___Yes ___No

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:

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Sat. May 2, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) Health and healing for Christopher Carpenter.

2.) † In loving birthday remembrance of Stephen Hladik, requested by his wife & family.

Sun. May 3, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † In loving memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.

2.) † For the repose of the soul of Peter Joyce, requested by Jim Wray & family.

Tues. May 5 thru Sun. May 10, 2026

Tue. May 5, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. May 6, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Nicholas Galeazza, requested by George & Pat Galeazza.

Thurs. May 7, 8:00 am (SH) - For the health and healing of Christopher Carpenter.

Fri. May 8, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. May 9, 4:00 pm (SH) - - † In loving memory of Frances Opalka, requested by her daughter Barbara Bilins.

Sun. May 10, 9:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Patricia Grandy, requested by her husband, children & family.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - APRIL 25/26 COLLECTIONS:

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1237.00	823.00
CEMET	269.00	269.00
OTHER	35.00	10.00
PARISH TOTAL	1272.00	833.00
ATTENDANCE	57	N/A

Second Collections

May 3 - Maintenance & Repairs



2025-26 DIOCESAN APPEAL

	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	5000.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	4264.00	3708.00
BALANCE	736.00	1292.00

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest. You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask you to inspire the young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your Will. Send laborers into

Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations, Intercede for us.

ALL: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!



Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

May 2 (SH)	Cathy Parry volunteer	May 9 (SH)	Volunteer Tony Stellato
May 3 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Dianne Kierpicc	May 10 (SC)	Ann Mahon Kathy Marcais

Counters Schedule

May 4 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall	May 11 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery
May 4 (C)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	May 11 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

Food Pantry



May 6 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
May 27 (SC)	Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds



First Communion: First Communion is this Sunday May 3rd at the 9am Mass at St. Cecilia. Please pray for our students Cianna, Colt, Jasmine & Abby as they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Remembering Your Parish This Summer: Many of our parishioners choose to attend the shrines during the summer months. The Auriesville Shrine has an incredible income from the many pilgrimages all summer. Your home parish is not so fortunate. Please remember to support your parish this summer.

Sunday 4pm Mass Canceled In May: Sunday 4pm Holy Mass at St Cecilia is officially canceled, while 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.

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

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: Our parking dates this season are final. Please call Kelly@ 518-774-7250 with any questions or to volunteer. Thanks so much!
Saturday-May 2
Wednesday-July 1
Friday-September 4 (fair)
Friday-September 18

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 3, 2026 - 5th Sunday of Easter - John 14:1-12

“We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

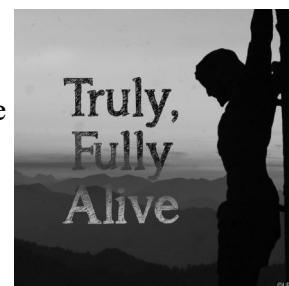
It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive. —*Father John Muir*

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“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

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