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Welcome!

We are happy you are here. We invite you to be a full, active participant in our community.
Let no one feel like a stranger here!

MASS TIMES:

Tues. & Thurs. Mass 8am at Sacred Heart;
Wed. & Fri. Mass 8am at Saint Cecilia;
Saturday 4:00pm at St Cecilia Church
Saturday 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 8:00am at St Cecilia Church
Sunday 10:30am at Sacred Heart Church

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April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy

Do NOT be unbelieving, but BELIEVE!

John 20:27

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call Father anytime 724-423-3777.

Please Note: By law, Hospitals and Care Facilities are prevented from notifying us of admissions or status changes. Please contact the Office to request visits or Communion calls as soon as possible.

Home visits are continuing for the Homebound.

RECONCILIATION (Confession): ½ hour before Mass or by appt.

WEDDINGS: Couples must meet with the pastor at least twelve months in advance of the planned marriage date.

BAPTISMS: Call the pastor to schedule & prepare for Baptism.

Please Note: Certificates to be a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to one who is a registered and practicing member of the Parish.

FIRST COMMUNION or CONFIRMATION: We have a 2 year Preparation Program, please contact Mary Stoner at 724-972-1472.

REGISTRATION: Every family should be registered at either Sacred Heart or at St. Cecilia Parish [one or the other]. Of course you can go to Mass at either parish. To register: call the office or see page 2.

SACRED HEART & ST. CECILIA PARISHES



Discipleship: Following The Way Of The Lord Jesus

In today's gospel, Jesus' disciples are confused and frightened. Then Jesus appears and all is well, as Jesus breathes his spirit of peace into them.

Thomas, however, was not there to receive this Spirit and so he could not trust the good news about Jesus. Thomas needed to see for himself. The witness of others is important, but nothing can replace a personal encounter with the Lord.

Thomas knows exactly what to look for: the wounds in his hands and side. Because of the kind of death that Jesus suffered, we know that our God knows our pain. More than that, our God is with us in our pain and grief and suffering. That is where we can see him: in his wounds in his body today.

When we reach out our hands to help another who is hurting, we are looking for that sign. When we give parched lips a drink, or cool fevered brows, or raise up a depressed spirit, we hold his broken body with our broken body. We begin to see him and begin to feel him breathe on us the Spirit of God. So that we may be sent into the world, so that others might continue to see him in us.

This is why we come here every week. We want to see Jesus. We want to be like Thomas and see for ourselves. And, in truth, the hands we extend in love and care for others are his hands. If people cannot see Jesus here in you and in me, where else can they honestly turn?

Jesus invited Thomas to touch his wounds. He extends that same invitation to us.

Thank you to all our volunteers: our Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Readers, Ushers, Decorators, and our Choir. Your invaluable assistance helped make our Holy Week & Easter services magnificent! May God bless you for your continued dedication to your Parish family.

Fr Jim



Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 7, 2024

"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Is God calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest? Talk to Fr. Jim or reach out to the Vocation Office at (724) 552-2535 or via email: tbandura@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 7, 2024

Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

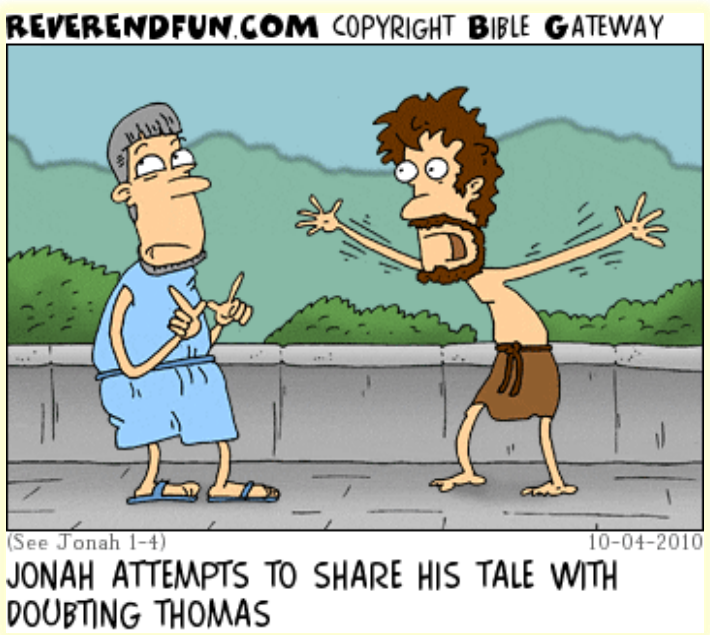
Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



SACRED HEART/ST. CECILIA CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONES: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SELECT YOUR PARISH: ST. CECILIA OR SACRED HEART

CHECK: New Registration Change of Address Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into offertory basket or mail to either parish office—addresses are on the front cover.

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

Sanctuary Candle Intention - Honor the memory of your loved ones or recognize a special occasion, call the Parish Office at 724-423-3777 for more information. Sanctuary Candle – \$10

Mass Intentions

LORD'S DAY MASSES – Sunday of Divine Mercy

Saturday, April 6

4:00PM(SC) † Eugene Stranko by Joe & Barbara Stepanic

6:00PM(SH) † Joseph Torrero & Joseph Kornides by Kathleen

Sunday, April 7

8:00AM(SC) † Dave Henry, Christina Barnes by Ellis & Hoyle Family

10:30AM(SH) Sacred Heart & Saint Cecilia Parishioners

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, April 8 The Annunciation of the Lord
No Mass

Tuesday, April 9

8:00AM(SH) † Eugene F. Stranko by Knights Of Columbus #940

Wednesday, April 10

8:00AM(SC) † Martha Gonda Euker by Joanne Kornides

Thursday, April 11

Saint Stanislaus
8:00AM(SH) † Gloria Rohall by SH/SC Rosary Altar Society

Friday, April 12

8:00AM(SC) † Marti Zoppetti by Nancy Scekerecs & Family

LORD'S DAY MASSES – Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 13

4:00PM(SC) † Mark Poole by Tide & Kathy Leachman

6:00PM(SH) Sacred Heart & Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, April 14

8:00AM(SC) † Lynn Salandro by Marlene Berg

10:30AM(SH) † Art Metz, Sr. by Alan & Sharon Metz

The Chosen Join us as we watch and discuss **The Chosen at St Cecilia Hall: Tuesdays in April, 6:30 to 8pm. Season Two - April 9th, 2024**

2024

Monday Night ROSARY St. Cecilia Church
Change of time for the season **4:00pm**

April

- 7 Repair and Replacement collection, all Masses
- 7 Faith Formation Classes, 9am -10:10am
- 7 BINGO, 2pm (doors open at 12:30pm) SC Hall
- 8 Knights of Columbus, SH School building
- 9 "The Chosen", 6:30 to 8pm SC Hall
- 11 Rosary Altar Society Mtg., 6:30pm SC Hall
- 14 Faith Formation Classes, 9am -10:10am
- 14 Faith Family First 9am -10:10am SC Education Ctr.
- 16 Fr. Jim, Mass at The Grove in Latrobe
- 16 "The Chosen", 6:30 to 8pm SC Hall
- 17 Fr. Jim, CDT Mass
- 20 2nd Grade First Reconciliation, SC Church
- 21 Catholic Accent, Second collection, all Masses
- 21 Faith Formation Classes, 9am -10:10am
- 22 – 26 Meals on Wheels, SC Hall
- 23 "The Chosen", 6:30 to 8pm SC Hall
- 24 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Event, 5:30pm, SC Hall
- 28 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / Children's Mass, SC 8am
- 29 **Healing Mass**, 6pm St. Cecilia Church

Ministry Schedule: April 13 - 14, 2024

Lector Eucharistic Minister Server

Saturday April 13

4:00PM(SC) Slezak M & B Smith Leachman

6:00PM(SH) Wagner Boggio, Wagner

Sunday April 14

8:00AM(SC) Pierce Kring & Dunlap Kring & Bly

10:30AM(SH) Evans Knapczyk, Johnston Evans

Collection Counters April 14

(SC) Hruby (SH) Butina, Johnston, Grossman

2024 MASS INTENTION & REQUEST FORM

Mass Intentions & Requests from our Parishioners at St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart Parishes. Requests for Specific Dates are limited to 4 Mass dates per calendar-year, of these 4, only 2 may be scheduled for a weekend Mass.

Mass Intentions cannot be scheduled more than 3 months in advance.

Father may accept additional requests, based on availability. All Mass Intentions must be in writing along with the \$10 Mass Offering. Mass Intentions will not be taken over the phone so as to avoid errors, the Secretary will call if there is an issue.

MASS Offering: _____

Requests must include Date requested: 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

Offered by: _____ Phone # needed: _____

Intention for: _____ Church: SC [] or SH []

Please place your Mass Intentions/Requests in the offertory basket (envelope marked "Mass Intention") or MAIL / stop by the Parish Office.

Given With Grateful Hearts

SACRED HEART

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,221

March 24 Parish Collection \$2,169

Good Friday/Holy Land \$20

March 31 Parish Collection \$3,617

Good Friday/Holy Land \$278

Your sacrificial gifts go a long way in helping us carry out our Mission to bring the Lord's Good News to Sacred Heart and Saint Cecilia.

Thank you for helping to build the Kingdom of God here on earth through His church by your prayers, your time, your talents and your financial support.

Please consider how just a one or two dollar increase per week from every family would help us meet our normal operating expenses.

Please take a moment to prayerfully reflect on your current giving; then, with trust in God, challenge yourself and your family to give more.

May God bless you for your generosity!

The Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA)

OUR PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGNS

The DLA make it possible to repair, maintain and upgrade our parish facilities.

**100% of your DLA Donations
STAY HERE**

**We have met our Goals for the Diocesan
portion of the Lenten Appeal. THANK YOU!**

Sacred Heart 2024 TOTAL GOAL—\$59,676

Diocese portion—\$24,676 Parish portion—\$35,000

Received toward 2024 TOTAL GOAL—\$25,510

THANK YOU for your support!



SACRED HEART Prayer List

Irene Balazek, Bernie Balko, William Charles, Verinia Clark, Ken Coup, Graham Davis, Blake Doyle, Desiree Doyle, Jennifer Dupilka, Don Eglhaut, Catherine Ennis, Henry James Farkas, Vera Ferry, Joyce B. Gainey, Gordon L. Gladden, Ruth Henderson, Judy Janusek, Peggy Jasper, Margaret Kelly, Richard Carl Kintz, Brenda Knapczyk, Kristi Knapczyk, John Korzak, Ronna B. Layne, Betty Marshall, Bernice Miedel, Ron Messich, Agnes Onusko, Nathan Overly, Andrea Playso, Roseann Playso, David Ridilla, Mary Ann Seaman, Rachelle Sherback, Scott Smith, Chuck Stahl, Patricia Stouffer, Emanuel Synchronula, Ethel Thomas, Lujean Wasnesky, Judy Wasnesky

Names in the PRAYER LIST can ONLY be Added at the request of immediate family members by contacting the Parish Office. Please let us know when a name can be removed from our Prayer List.

200 CLUB Banquet

BASKET RAFFLE

**DONATIONS of Baskets / gift cards for
our May 3rd Banquet.**

We are asking for donations of either fully assembled Baskets (no individual pieces/items) or gift cards, monetary donations for the 200 CLUB Banquet Basket Raffle!

If you are interested in making a BASKET, please contact Kathy Slivko at 724-539-4111. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket at Mass, please write "200 CLUB Basket Raffle" on an envelope. Baskets or Donations can also be dropped off at the Parish Office. We would like all donations to be in by April 25, 2024.

200 CLUB BANQUET

May 3, 2024

5:30pm St. Cecilia Hall

Reservation forms can be picked up after Mass, at Sacred Heart Church and St. Cecilia Church, and the parish office.

Reservation forms are due by Thursday, April 18, 2024.



SACRED HEART

200 CLUB

Congratulations to

Ed Stas, #036

the 49th weekly winner for 2023-2024.

Membership dues are \$50 per year.



SAINT CECILIA Prayer List

Vern Ashbaugh, Megan Carroll, Christina Courville, Hudson Donahue, Douglas Facemyer, Ron Fajt, Grace Gardner, Gordon C. Gladden, Roger Gorley, Melinda Hawk, Lucas Haefner, Stacey Jarvis, Tom Karasack, Kasey Lanier, Virginia McCracken, Jim Milko, Hutch Morris, Don Paul, John Pasztor, Chuck Pope, Margaret Quinn, Francis Rolniak, Nancy Scekeres, Myron Severa, Ted Severa, Patty Spisak, Jeremiah Springer, Matthew Springer, Ron Stahl, Tricia Henry Sulek, Marie Talarovich, Ethel Thomas, Samantha Springer Thompson, Ronald Thompson, Elizabeth Verdun, Jessica Yasurek, Linda Williams, Walter Williams

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Saint Cecilia Monthly



Sunday, April 7, 2024!

St. Cecilia Parish Hall

BINGO starts at 2:00pm

Doors open at 12:30pm

Mystery number, 50/50, Jackpot, Specials and more!
Refreshments will be available.

We would welcome donations of cake, homemade foods, pop & bottled water and Baskets. Donations can be dropped off at the SUNDAY BINGO date or at the Parish office.

Don't Miss our First 2024 Saint Cecilia

BURGER BASH

Saturday, May 18

11a.m. to 2 p.m.



2024 Dates: June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 12

Given With Grateful Hearts

SAINT CECILIA

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,788

March 24 Parish Collection \$3,085

Good Friday/Holy Land \$75

March 31 Parish Collection \$6,352

Good Friday/Holy Land \$471

Thank You for your support of God's work in our Parishes each week!

Your sacrificial gifts go a long way in helping us carry out our Mission to bring the Lord's Good News to Saint Cecilia and Sacred Heart.

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We have met our Goals for the Diocesan portion of the Lenten Appeal. **THANK YOU!**

Saint Cecilia 2024 TOTAL GOAL—\$66,581

Diocese portion—\$26,581 Parish portion—\$40,000

Received toward 2024 TOTAL GOAL—\$46,864

THANK YOU for your support!


April 7, 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter

Let's join together as parish families and pray for each of our **2nd graders** as they prepare to experience Christ's healing mercy in Reconciliation and receive Him in the Eucharist for the first time!

Regis Boast Elliot Burns Dash Carroll
Felix Cirotta Vincent La Carte
Jamie Rothrock Julia Shafran

“COAL” Ticket Sale on April 13 & 14
 The Knights of Columbus will be selling **“CHANCE OF A LIFETIME” Tickets for \$5.00** at Masses the weekend of April 13 & 14. There are 16 great Cash Prizes of \$65,000. Profits from this promotion will fund K of C Scholarships as well as local Council programs.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN will need casseroles for their April 24th Event, 5:00pm at St. Cecilia Hall. Please contact Marlene Boggio at 724-539-2927 for more information.

“Faith, Family, First” ... 
 are sessions for supporting each other in developing our faith and sharing in conversations that lead us to faith filled friendships, through the love of learning about Jesus. Our next session, **“Building a Culture of Life”** is on **April 14, from 9:00 - 10:10am**, St. Cecilia Education Center. All are welcome!

Day trip to Lancaster to see DANIEL on June 27, 2024! For more details give Marlene Boggio a call at 724-539-2927.

Cookies / Donations needed for **MEALS ON WHEELS**
April 22 - 26, 2024
 Cookies (no nuts) are needed. Please call Betsy Sherbondy at 724-423-5796 to schedule a good day to bring your cookie donation. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write “Meals on Wheels” on an envelope, and place in the offertory basket at Mass, or by mailing to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support of this important work!

Come and See
All ladies of Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia Parishes are invited to Join the Rosary Altar Society.
 If you'd like to see what we're all about, you're invited to attend our next **Rosary Altar Society Meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 11th, St. Cecilia Hall** or any of our monthly meetings (held on the second Thursday of each month). Bring your sister, neighbor or daughter to spend an evening “To praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and seek her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefit of all the members throughout the world”.
 In addition to spiritual enrichment through speakers or special programs, the meeting provides an opportunity to come together socially to enjoy each other's friendship and support. Numerous fund-raising activities help to cover the cost of hosts and wine, candles, altar cloths and many other items needed by the parishes.
 Please complete the attached form, and a Rosary Altar Society officer will contact you. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

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Magnificat breakfast April 27 at Rizzo's, Crabtree
 The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast, Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Guest speaker Evelina Sluga will discuss her spiritual journey back to God and the Catholic Church after losing her faith in middle school and beginning a self-destructive spiral. Cost is \$25 (\$20 students). For online registration, visit MagnificatGreensburg.com or a printable form, or call Brenda Concannon at 724-836-2094. Postmark deadline is April 18; online registration ends April 20.

I'm interested in finding out more about the Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia Rosary Altar Society. Please complete this form and place in the collection basket, or by taking to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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