# Sacred Heart Parish & St. Cecilia Parish

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Fr. James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., Pastor



### 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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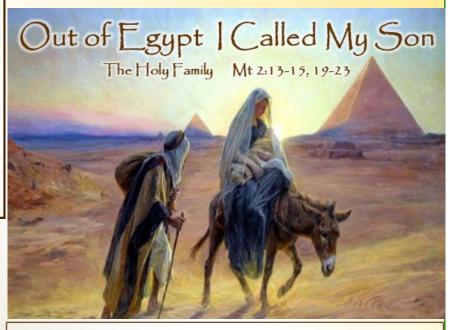
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# December 28, 2025 The Holy Family



### 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.

CONFESSIONS: ½ hour before Saturday & Sunday 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



### From the Pastor

The first angelic message to Joseph was: Joseph, you better go in a different direction, or you and your family with your newborn son are going to be hurt. We see his belief and obedience. So when

the angel speaks the message from God, he arises and takes Mary and the child into his heart and his house, obedient to the Word of God proclaimed to him.

At the core of the gospel for today is that Joseph had a heart that was open and receptive. He was ready to obey, in tune with the messengers from God.

There are similar messages from God that come to your life and mine: You had better be going in a different direction, or you are going to be hurt. The King Herods of life are going to come and get you.

And so God comes to you in many ways, and God tries to give you that message. Listen. Dream dreams. Take it to heart. Go in a different direction. Find, not just refuge, but a new and more abundant life – a God-centered life.

And, since I cannot thank you all *personally* for all the cards, prayers, gifts and baked goods that I receive over the holidays, allow me this opportunity to thank you. Your thoughtful gifts always make me feel so loved and appreciated. I continue to keep everyone in my thoughts and prayers, not only in this holy season, but throughout the year.

When I count my blessings, I number you and my time being Pastor here at Sacred Heart and Saint Cecilia, among them.

I hope you all have a very happy, very holy New Year!

Fr.Jim



Scripture Readings for the Week of December 28, 2025

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35 Tuesday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40 Wednesday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 Saturday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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SELECT YOUR PARISH: St. Cecilia or Sacred Heart				
CHECK: ☐ New Re	gistration 🛮 Chan	ge of Address	☐ Moving out of Parish	☐ Want Envelopes
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# **Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will**

St. Cecilia Sanctuary Candle
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# **Mass Intentions**

## **LORD'S DAY MASSES – Feast of the Holy Family**

### Saturday, December 27

4:00PM(SC)⊕ Fr. Peter Augustine Pierjok, OSB by Fran Ewanits 6:00PM(SH) Sacred Heart & St. Cecilia Parishioners

### Sunday, December 28

8:00AM(SC) & Joseph Stas by Ron & Melanie Stas
10:30AM(SH) & Karen Esak by Bill & Renee Meager

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, December 29 Saint Thomas Becket No Mass

### Tuesday, December 30

8:00AM(SH) & Vera Ferry by Ferry Great Grandchildren

Wednesday, December 31 Saint Sylvester I No 8:00am Mass

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### Wednesday, December 31

4:00PM(SH) & Ann Bennion by John & Martha Korzak

#### Thursday, January 1

10:30AM(SC) ♣ David McCracken Sr. by Family

Friday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen 8:00AM(SC) & Judy Schmucker by Robert L. Nolan

# LORD'S DAY MASSES – The Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 3

4:00PM(SC) & John & Ruth Kachonik by Pete, Debbie & Jeremy 6:00PM(SH) & Georganna Cavanaugh by Messich Family

### Sunday, January 4

8:00AM(SC) St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishioners
10:30AM(SH) Thomas Krowicki by Kathy Slivko & Family

### VOCATION MINISTRY

# Feast of the Holy Family December 28

"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel." (Matthew 2:20) Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. In marriage, spouses are called to protect and nurture each other in faith. Reflect on how God might be guiding you to build a family rooted in His love. Pray and ask God how you can better serve and protect your family this week.

### Parish office closed Dec. 29th thru January 1st, 2026.

Monday Night ROSARY 4:00pm SC Church

### December

28 Baptism, Sacred Heart Church

31 No 8AM Morning Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - HOLY DAY

December 31 4:00pm, SH Church January 1 10:30am, SC Church

### January, 2026

- 2 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, SC Church
- 4 Repair and Replacement collection, all Masses
- 4 Faith Formation Classes, 9am –10:10am
- 4 EPIPHANY PLAY, SC Hall

## Liturgical Ministers January 3 - 4, 2026

#### Lectors

4:00pm(SC) Ed Stas

6:00pm(SH) Ann Repko

8:00am(SC) Kayla Ellis

10:30am(SH) Cindy Kaminski

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00pm(SC) Jeremy Zawelensky, Mary Smith

6:00pm(SH) Sondra Wagner

8:00am(SC) Mike & Marty Yandrick

10:30am(SH) Brian & Susan McCreery

#### **Altar Servers**

4:00pm(SC) Michael Leachman

8:00am(SC) Jeremy Zawelensky, Sophie Slough

#### **Collection Counters**

(SC) Regis & Roxanne Donahue

(SH) Brian & Susan McCreery, Cindy Kaminski

# Mass Intention and Request Form / Sanctuary Candle Intention

Mass Intentions cannot be requested more than four months in advance. You may requests specific dates and times if they are available. Please place your form in the offertory basket (envelope marked "Mass Intention /Sanctuary Candle) or at the Parish Office during office hours. All Mass Intention / Sanctuary Candle Intention must be in writing along with the \$10 Offering for each intention.

Hours. All Mass intention / Ganctuary Gandle intention must be in writing	Mass Intention / Sanctuary Candle Offering:		
Sanctuary Candle Intention for:	by:	Date:	
Mass Intention Requests must include Date requested: 1st Choice:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice:	
Intention for:	Phone # need	ded:	
Offered by:	Churc	h: SC [] or SH []	

# Given With Grateful Hearts

# **SACRED HEART**

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,890

**December 14 Parish Collection \$1,137** 

Children & Family Services \$20

### December 21 Parish Collection \$ \*

\* The Dec. 21 Collection will be available in the January 4 bulletin.

# 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 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 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

100% of your DLA donations stay here to help our Parish!

Sacred Heart 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$59,676 Diocese portion—\$24,676 Parish portion—\$35,000

Received toward 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$57,299

**THANK YOU for your support!** 

Sacred Heart Financial R	eport for	Novembe	r 2025 Expenses
Ordinary		15,400.68	26,418.89
Offertory Income	14,642.25	. 0, . 0 0 . 0 0	20,
Online Giving Income	758.43		
Extraordinary		2,050.19 *	200.00 **
Other			
Catholic Accent		369.00	351.05
Withdrawal from Reserve - Operating Expenses		15,000.00	
DLA Refund		574.25	
Meals on Wheels		315.00	
Second Collections			
Diocesan Poverty Relief		344.55	344.55
Children and Family Services		10.00	10.00
DLA		2,042.75	2,042.75
Retired Religious		485.00	485.00
* Extraordinary Income includes interest, Raffle Ticket i	ncome and outsi	de donations	
***Extraordinary Expeneses include 200 club payments			
TOTAL		\$36,591.42	\$29,852.24
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)			(11,018.21)
Overall Surplus/ (Deficit)			6,739.18



### **SACRED HEART Prayer List**

Bernie Balko, William Charles, Verinia Clark, Ken Coup, Graham Davis, Rose Dominick, Blake Doyle, Desiree Doyle, Jennifer Dupilka, Don Eglhaut, Catherine Ennis, Henry James Farkas, Fr. Earl Henry, O.S.B., Joyce B. Gainey, Ruth Henderson, Judy Janusek, Peggy Jasper, Margaret Kelly, Richard Carl Kintz, Brenda Knapczyk, Kristi Knapczyk, John Korzak, Ronna B. Layne, Betty Marshall, Cathy McMaster, Bernice Miedel, Richard A. Noel, Agnes Onusko, Renee Onusko, Nathan Overly, Andrea Playso, Roseann Playso, David Ridilla, Mary Ann Seaman, Rachelle Sherback, Scott Smith, Chuck Stahl, Emanuel Stynchula, 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.





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## SAINT CECILIA Prayer List

Vern Ashbaugh, Megan Carroll, Christina Courville, Hudson Donahue, Douglas Facemyer, Ron Fajt, Grace Gardner, Roger Gorley, Melinda Hawk, Lucas Haefner, Fr. Earl Henry, O.S.B., Russ & Mary Henry, Stacey Jarvis, Kasey Lanier, Theresa Loosley, Betty Marinchek, Virginia McCracken, Jim Milko, Hutch Morris, 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, January 11, 2026!** 

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 homemade food, cakes, pop & bottled water. Donations can be dropped off at the SUNDAY BINGO date or at the Parish office. Thank you for your support!



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# Given With Grateful Hearts

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**Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$4,803** 

**December 14 Parish Collection \$3,645** 

Increased Offertory \$500

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Saint Cecilia 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$68,481 Diocese portion—\$28,481 Parish portion—\$40,000

Received toward 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$97,237

THANK YOU for your support!

# St. Cecilia Financial Report for November 2025 Income Expenses Ordinary 19,887.45 27,025.05

Offertory Income 16.790.25 Online Giving Income 3,097.20 Extraordinary 7,814.05 \* 43,472.28 \*\* Other Catholic Accent 321 00 258.40 Withdrawal from Reserve (window repair) 24,450.00 **DLA Refund** 16,210.28 Religious Education Tuition 273.00 Second Collections Seminary/Clergy Formation 20.00 20.00 Diocesan Poverty Relief 624.00 624.00 DLA 130.00 130.00 Retired Religious 1,064.00 1,064.00 \$72,593.73 \$70,793.78

Extraordinary Income includes Burger Bash and Bingo Income

\* Extraordinary Expense includes Bingo Expenses, a transfer to savings, and the Window Repair expense

Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(7,137.60)
Overall Surplus/ (Deficit)	(1,799.95)

# **December 28, 2025 – The Holy Family**

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of all of our departed loved-ones, especially we remember: **Lucille Marsh** who entered eternal rest on December 11, 2025.

May the angels lead them into paradise!



#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, January 2 8:30am until 10am St. Cecilia Church

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Cecilia Church on the First Friday of every month, after the 8AM Morning Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for the First Friday devotion and time of prayer.

### ADORATION HOUR All are welcome!

Sundays 9:00 to 10:00AM February 1, March 1, April 26, May 17, 2026.

# **Make Pierogies for Lent**

We will be making pierogies in St Cecilia Hall the week of January 5th and also on Jan.12,13 &14, beginning at 5:30pm. If you have your Clearances and would like to help, please contact Denis Burick at 724-787-3519.

# LENTEN PIEROGI Order Form

All of our St. Cecilia Pierogies are made with a generous amount of potato & cheese filling.

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Total amount enclosed:	

Please include payment with your order.

Place your order & your payment in an envelope marked PIEROGIES — drop it in the collection basket or mail to St. Cecilia Church, 222 St. Cecilia Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650.

Arrangements to pick-up Pierogies may be made by contacting Denis Burick at 724-787-3519.



## Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more.

Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com!

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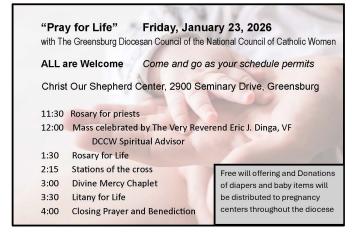
# SAINT VINCENT BASILICA PARISH invites you to our annual EDIDHANY OPEN HOUSE

EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE on SATURDAY JANUARY 3, 2026 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM



All are welcome to visit and tour the historic Basilica decorated for the Christmas season. Featured during the Open House will be a demonstration of the recently added organ pipework. No reservations are needed.

Contact Erin Colcombe, Director of Faith Formation, at 724-739-8629 ext. 16 or erin.colcombe@stvincent.edu with any questions.







## The 2026 March for Life is set for Friday, January 23, at 1 p.m. on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The **National Prayer Vigil for Life** will begin Thursday, Jan. 22, with the opening Mass at 5:00 p.m. in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. At 7:00 p.m., a national

Holy Hour for Life will take place in the Crypt Church of the Basilica, including recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. The closing Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. Friday, January 23 in the Great Upper Church. The Masses will be televised on EWTN and livestreamed at <a href="https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass">www.nationalshrine.org/mass</a>.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will concelebrate the opening Mass and will also celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Basilica's Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel. All pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to join him. During the march itself Bishop Kulick will be greeting participants at the corner of Constitution Avenue Northwest and 12th Street Northwest as they rally towards the Supreme Court building.

#### March for Life 2026 in Washington DC

Friday, January 23th

Bus leaves Mother of Sorrows at 5:30 AM

Cost: \$35, \$25 for students, payable on bus or MOS office

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Cash tip for bus driver

To register email Barb Koury at barbkoury@gmail.com

Include name and a cell phone number that you will have with you that day.

Trip includes Mass at the National Basilica in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at 10:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Larry Kulick.





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