

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH, FONDA NY
 &
SACRED HEART CHURCH, TRIBES HILL NY
Rev. Christopher Welch, Pastor



Holy Week 2021

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| Palm Sunday: | 9am Mass at Saint Cecilia 4pm Mass at Sacred Heart on Saturday, March 27 |
| Holy Thursday: | Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart, 7pm Night Prayer at 10pm |
| Good Friday: | Service, 3 pm Sacred Heart Stations, 6:30pm St. Cecilia |
| Holy Saturday: | Vigil Mass, 8pm at St. Cecilia No 4pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart |
| Easter Morning: | 9am St. Cecilia - 10:30am Sacred Heart |

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

MARCH 13 & MARCH 14, 2021—WEEKEND TOTALS:

| COLLECTIONS: | SH | SC |
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| AMOUNT NEEDED: | \$1,811.00 | \$2,577.00 |
| SAT. 4:00PM (SH) | 470.00 | |
| SUN. 9:00 AM (SC) | | 1925.00 |
| CATHOLIC REL SRVC. | 70.00 | 126.00 |
| MISC. | 220.00 | 330.00 |
| ATTENDANCE | 37 | 41 |

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

For a grain of wheat to become fruitful and multiply, it must first fall to the ground. It must be separated from its parent plant. This is a process of detachment and change and even death in a real sense. Hence the saying of our Lord from John 12:24 "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

This dynamic is found all throughout scripture. Abram, for example, the great patriarch, detached himself from his homeland of Haran and followed God's call to a land he knew not, the land of Canaan. There he prostrated himself before God ("fell face down" Genesis 17:3). It was while he was lying face down on the ground in a foreign place that God made a covenant with him and his family. God gave them new names. They were no longer Abram and Sarai but Abraham and Sarah. God also promised them "I will make you exceedingly fertile" (Genesis 17:6). This promise was made despite the obvious fact that Abraham and Sarah had advanced too far in years to bear children.

In order to have a fruitful life you must repeat these processes every day. #1: Every day let go of old attachments and habits in order to open yourself all the more to God and his gifts. #2: Every day fall to the ground in true humility so that, on the last day, you will be lifted up by the King of kings. "Your father who sees in secret will repay you" (Matthew 6:4).

Richard Nichols, S.J.

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MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar. 20, 4:00 pm (SH) - In memory of Richard Keehan, requested by Caroline Serge.

Sun. Mar. 21 9:00 am (SC) - In memory of Eileen Stilt, requested by Kathleen Harris.

(Mon. Mar. 22 thru Sun Mar. 28, 2021)

Mon. Mar. 22, 2021 - No Mass.

Tue. Mar. 23, 8:00 am (SC) - In memory of Kathryn Lusso, requested by Pat, Becky, Emily & Grace.

Wed. Mar. 24, 8:00 am (SH) - In memory of Sandra Hugo, requested by Margaret Castle & family.

Thur. Mar. 25, 8:00 am (SC) - In memory of Louise D'Ambrosio, requested by John & Ann Mahon.

Fri. Mar. 26, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Stations each Friday, after 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart and 6:30 pm at St. Cecilia.

Sat. Mar. 27, 4:00 pm (SH) - In memory of Val Krawiecki, requested by Joseph & MaryAnn Bogdon.

Sun. Mar. 28, 9:00 am (SC) - In memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.



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Dear Friends;

- It has been nice to see the sun. It feels like spring is on it's way. Next week we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Where has Lent gone? It will be nice to gather for Holy Week this year after in was canceled last year.
- I will miss our Ecumenical services on Wednesday nights when Lent ends. This year is the last year we will be joined by Pastor Larry. I know I will miss him and I am sure Tribes Hill Presbyterian and United Presbyterian in Amsterdam will also miss him. He has been an important leader of the Glen Mohawk Clergy Association and a great teacher in our weekly bible classes. I wish him and his wife Kathy well on the next phase of their journey.
- On Thursday, March 25 our church celebrates the feast of the Annunciation of the birth of our Lord. It is hard to believe Christmas is 9 months away. Hopefully in 2021 we will be able to gather without concern about illness from the COVID virus.
- I hope you have set aside some time to join us for Holy Week. The full schedule is in the bulletin and parish newsletter. I hope to see you all on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Fr. Chris Welch



Mass Cancellation Policy: If Fonda-Fultonville School District has a snow day, there will be no Mass that day. On weekends or school holidays, where the roads are treacherous, use your best judgement and stay home.

Community in Madagascar: Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Catholic Relief Services: Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/national_collections.

Flowers for the Altar: If you wish to sponsor the flowers on the altar of either parish, please contact the parish office. The donation is \$40 and the bouquet will last 2 weeks.

Suggested Lenten Practice – St. Cecilia's: This week we will focus on limiting screen time and instead spend time with family and friends, sharing special memories. This can be done in person, by a phone call, social media, etc. A thought is parents could share photos with their children of when they received the sacraments and special memories they have from those occasions.

Confessions at Sacred Heart: Confessions are available each Saturday at Sacred Heart from 3:00 - 3:45 pm. The confessional is found on the right side of the altar. Look for the flashing green light to see if the priest is available. If the red light is on, the confessional is being used.

Fonda Food Pantry: The schedule for the Food Pantry is Sacred Heart on the first Wednesday of the month and Saint Cecilia on the Fourth Wednesday. Volunteers are needed. Please call your parish office for more info.

St. Cecilia's Diocese Appeal: Thank you to those who have made a pledge to the Diocese Appeal. Our goal is \$7811 and we are at \$5396, very close to our goal.

Sacred Heart's Diocese Appeal: Thank you to those who have made a pledge to the Diocese Appeal (formerly Bishop's Appeal). Our goal is \$10,215. and we are at \$3,915, with \$6,300 to go.

St. Cecilia on Facebook: Please follow our parish on Facebook. **St. Cecilia Church**

Sacred Heart on Facebook: Please follow our parish on Facebook. **Sacred Heart Church**

Weekly Mass: Please join us virtually for weekly Mass on Father Chris' YouTube channel
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs_-FDzyfvHZZ9v8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriber

Faith Formation News: In order to provide a safe environment & maintain social distancing not all classes will meet every week in person . We will be using the schedule below until further notice. On off weeks we will provide materials to be reviewed by parents/guardians with the students.

Please review with your children each week.

2nd grade: will meet every scheduled week in the church to prepare for the sacraments of reconciliation & 1st Communion.

All other grades will meet after Mass in the back of the Hall on their scheduled week.

March 21st - 9th and 10th

March 28th - 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th

Upcoming Second Collections:

April 4—Easter Flowers
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