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#### MASSES AND SERVICES ARE CANCELLED.

The church will be open for private prayer and Adoration Monday-Friday 9:30 AM until 5 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM until 3 PM, and Sunday 12 PM until 4 PM. Confessions will be available each week day and Saturday at 9:30 AM

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, MAY 4 (Saint Florian)

Intentions of our Eastside Region Families 9 AM

TUESDAY, MAY 5 (Saint Hilary of Arles)

Tony Downs Off Allie & George Maggini 9 AM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 (Saint Dominic Savio)

Intentions of Susan Tew by - Barbara & Jim Momper Adoration 9:30 am - 5:00 PM, Holy Hour 7-8 PM with

Confessions

9 AM

THURSDAY, MAY 7 (Saint Rose Venerini)

Barbara Hellmann Off Judith Weiss 9 AM

FRIDAY, MAY 8 (Saint Peter of Tarantaise)

Martha Planes Off Carl & Linda DeBlasio 9 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 9 (Saint Pachomius)

Intentions of President Donald Trump by Nadia Zogbi 9 AM

Martha Planes Off Carl & Linda DeBlasio 4PM

SUNDAY, MAY 10 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Intentions of the Sick & Homebound 8 AM Sue Misleh Off Bill & Tish Shefcik 10 AM Intentions of our Regional Families 8:15 PM

ALL MASSES CURRENTLY STREAMING ON YOUTUBE via link on the homepage: www.stceciliacincinnati.org



# MARRIAGE BANNS

I - Alex Bloom & Claire Hayes

All are welcome to bring flowers in for the Mary altar during the month of May. There will be vases for the flowers on the side of the altar for our Blessed Mother or you may bring your own vases with your flowers. Help us to honor Mary during this beautiful month!

### THE CORNER 1 3



Signs of spring are all around us. With outdoor temperatures climbing and people desiring more than ever to be out and about because of the coronavirus, there seems to be new life that has been breathed into our neighborhoods by the sheer numbers of people being out. That is a good thing—for many reasons.

With regard to the COVID-19 threat, experts say that being out in the sunlight drenches us with vitamin D, which in turn builds up our immune systems to fight viruses. I would also say that being out and seeing others, at safe distances, of course, energizes our very souls. We need human connectivity, no matter who we are. We need it whether it's with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or fellow parishioners. We also need the Lord. We are not whole without the connectivity we are called to have with him. We are his sheep, and sheep are lost without their shepherd, who is Christ and Lord of our lives.

While we are not whole without our shepherd, Jesus Christ, we are also missing something in our lives when his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, is not part of our circle of influencers. The Virgin Mother not only said "yes" to the will of God by bringing Christ to this world, she also stayed with Him throughout her life, while others scattered. Mary his mother continues to be with Jesus now in Heaven and intercedes to bring others along to God.

In this month of May, we honor her for that. This past Friday, in fact, we showed our trust in her, as we reconsecrated our nation to the

Blessed Virgin Mary. This act of consecration is meant as a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed Mother's witness to the gospel and to ask for effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need. Altogether, we need God, we need each other, and we need the Mother of God to lead and guide us to her Son.

Amen? Amen!

to Jamie

## Catholic Social Teaching: What is its History

This series will seek to create a Scriptural context for the understanding of the responsibility of believers to worship God, look after each other and attend to the real needs of the people around them.

We will move from Scripture into the experience of the Church in the early days and its expansion into a universal presence within the confines of the Old Roman Empire and, eventually, beyond. We will follow the Church into the experience of the rise of cities and reemergence of trade and mercantile life in the West. The series will conclude with an examination of the emergence of Capitalism into the 16th Century and how ideas of social justice adapted to the newer challenges.

Presented by Msgr. Frank Lane and live streamed from St. Cecilia each Tuesday evening at 7 PM on the St. Cecilia YouTube channel for four consecutive Tuesdays beginning on May 12 and ending on June 2.



## PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS | 4

- 1 | MASSES RESUME ON PENTECOST. According to the Catholic bishops of Ohio's letter that came out Tuesday, Masses will resume at parishes on Pentecost Sunday. To what extent that everyone will be allowed to come to Mass at the same time is yet to be determined. I am gathering that there will be a "soft opening" at all parishes in the region. I imagine daily Masses will be allowed to resume on Monday, June 1. However, social distancing will be required. In fact, social distancing will be manipulated by roping off pews, which will probably happen the first few months that Sunday Masses resume.
- 2 | DEACON LOUIE. Deacon Louie Jacquemin was ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, April 25, at 11AM at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Unfortunately, only his parents were able to be present for his ordination. He did get to celebrate his first Mass as a deacon this past weekend and we invited his family to attend. If you would like to correspond with Deacon Louie and congratulate him, he can be reached at St. Margaret-St. John Parish, 4100 Watterson St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45227.
- 3 | WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD. On Sunday, April 26, we baptized two young children at St. Cecilia. Please welcome Daniel Jack and Selena Evelyn (age 4), son and daughter of Daniel and Nayeli Ortega.
- **4** I **REST IN PEACE.** Long-time parishioner of St. Anthony Parish, Jean Tierney, passed from this life. Jean's funeral was held at St. Anthony last Wednesday. May eternal rest be granted, O Lord.
- 5 I CAPITAL PROJECTS. With the church buildings vacant on our campuses, we were able to do some capital projects without much inconvenience. At St. Anthony, we are replacing the heating and air-conditioning unit (photo 5). At SM-SJ, we are finishing up a back altar enhancement project. The second phase of the project has been going on since early April. The project should be fully completed within a month. At St. Cecilia, the renovation of St. Cecilia school continues. Most recently we've been working toward installing air conditioning for the entire school building (hopefully to be completed in the next few years). In the last month, air conditioning has been installed in the gym and the first phase of the primary school hallway has been completed.

**QUARANTINED.** Because I was in the presence of someone who tested positive for COVID, I was asked by the Health Department to go on a 12-day quarantine. While I tested negative and the person I was in contact with also tested negative twice--after having tested positive—I was still required to be quarantined until this past Thursday. I was called every day by the health department to make sure I did not have any symptoms. I am happy to be back and to be celebrating the sacraments.



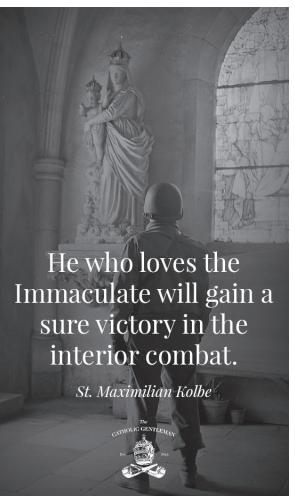












# CATHOLIC FAQS

#### **FEAST DAYS**

Feast days are days set aside each year to honor Mary, the Saints, and mysteries of the faith. There are three types of feast days. In the hierarchy of feast days, Memorials hold the lowest status. Memorials can be obligatory and optional. Obligatory memorials recognize a saint or an attribute of Jesus or Mary, such as the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Optional memorials can honor saints.

Of mid-level importance in the liturgical calendar are Feasts — days on which Catholics remember saints as well as titles and mysteries of Jesus and Mary.

Solemnities are the highest designation of feast days, and some, such as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 and All Saints' Day on November 1, are holy days of obligation, on which Catholics are required to attend Mass. Only the most significant mysteries of the Faith, such as the Resurrection, or the feast days of saints who influenced salvation history, such as St. John the Baptist, are considered solemnities.

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Catholics must attend Mass on Sundays or on Saturday evenings (the Sunday vigil) and on designated holy days of obligation. These holy days are not the same throughout the world but are set by local governing bodies. For example, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops declared the following dates to be holy days of obligation in the United States:

- January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
- Thursday of the Sixth Week of the Easter Season: Ascension Thursday
- August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints
- December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 25: Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus Christ

#### ERSE OF THE WEEK

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus."

- Luke 24:2-3

### Friends and Supporters of the St. Cecilia Festival

We are obviously in the midst of a very surreal time. COVID-19 has temporarily changed our way of life and has altered the lives of many around us. There are tough decisions that are being made every day by our government leaders, businesses and even locally at our parish. As we pray that these changes are very temporary, we know that it will take time for life to come to what's been called a "new normal."

St. Cecilia's 2020 festival is still three months away. Traditionally this is a busy time of the year as our school children are starting to sell Major Award tickets, donation/sponsorship letters are being mailed out and we are starting to collect items for our Bid-n-Buy and soon the Flea Market. This year is obviously different. We are not able to ask our students to sell tickets and it is hard to ask a business that is closed to donate or sponsor our festival. We also believe that even when restrictions are lifted a bit, it will take time for people to feel comfortable in large group public settings again.

With these things in mind, a decision has been made to postpone the 2020 St. Cecilia festival. We are currently looking into the possibility of having a festival-like event the weekend of the scheduled Oktoberfest in September and will keep the region posted. Please know that this decision was one that was not taken lightly, but we know it is the right thing to do. The health of all our parishioners and the entire community is our number one priority.

Thank you for all of your support! - The 2020 St. Cecilia Festival Committee



#### Ordination to the Priesthood

Three men will be ordained by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains on May 16: **Deacon Andrew Reckers, Deacon Benson Lokidiriyo and our own Deacon Christopher Komoroski.** The ordination will be closed but recorded for friends and family. While we are saddened that we can't be there to support Chris and his classmates, we are thrilled that they have completed this part of their priestly journey. Please keep them all in your prayers as they begin their ministry to the Church.

#### Letter from the Ohio Bishops

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On April 27, Governor Mike DeWine presented a strategy to begin a multi-phased plan, even while the executive "Stay at Home Order" remains in place. His plan begins a process for Ohioans gradually to return to work and daily activity and provides hope and evidence that our cooperation with the governor's orders has significantly curbed the spread of the virus. We thank you for and admire the patience, cooperation and understanding you have already shown during this COVID-19 pandemic. We realize the frustration, sadness, and loss the faithful felt not to be able to gather personally to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries during the Sacred Triduum and each Sunday. During this time of sacrifice and longing, we have joined our prayers and hearts to yours, trusting that God will see us through this pandemic and reunite us at the Eucharistic Feast. Out of deep concern for the common good as well as the physical and spiritual well-being of all the people of Ohio, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have agreed once again to cooperate with the governor, and to support and abide by the multi-phased approach to returning to work and eventual public gathering in large groups.

To that end, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio extend the temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies ending on May 29, with the hope of publicly celebrating together the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of May 30/31. Each of the bishops of Ohio, once again, dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in their territories from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass during this time. We ask for the cooperation and adherence of all the faithful to the governor's directives during this period.

We will be working diligently with our pastoral teams to consider reasonable, gradual and responsible initiatives for welcoming back the faithful in time to Sunday Mass, initiatives which will renew our love for the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and which will help us to restore Catholic life and invite others to share that life after the pandemic. We encourage individual dioceses and their respective pastors and parishioners to begin to work to establish plans which respect social distancing and other requirements for the safety of our people.

This decision has not been taken lightly and, as your bishops, together with you, we recognize the sacrifice we are called to make being physically distanced from the Holy Eucharist and from one another. We remain grateful for your understanding and prayerful support. As your bishops we continue to encourage you to keep holy the Lord's Day by participating in Sunday Mass by way of radio broadcast or televised or livestreamed options and making a spiritual communion. Keeping in mind of the gift of plenary indulgences offered to us by the Church, we encourage all the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer, praying as a family or individually the Liturgy of the Hours, rosary, divine mercy chaplet, and Stations of the Cross, etc.

Together we continue to pray for all who are suffering from Covid19, for all health care workers and first responders, for all the deceased and their families, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this pandemic. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust in the glorious hope of His Resurrection.

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### Caring for our Parishioners

Many parishioners are in need of all kinds of help at this time. Please reach out and let us know how we can possibly be of assistance by calling the parish office (513) 871-5757.

- If you are in need of food, rent & utilities support, or other living needs, call our St. Vincent de Paul help line (513) 871-5757 ext. 203.
- School families in need should contact Mr. Goedde at mgoedde@stceciliacincinnati.org.
- · Visit www.stceciliacincinnati.org and click on LIVE STREAMING for regularly scheduled daily and Sunday Masses.
- St. Cecilia Church will remain open for private prayer from 9:30 AM-5 PM (Mon.-Fri.), 9:30 AM-3 PM (Sat.), 12 PM-5 PM (Sun.).
- Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on the St. Cecilia Facebook page at 7 PM on Fridays during Lent.
- Please check the parish website and Facebook for additional devotionals and confession schedules.
- Frequent acts of faith, acts of spiritual communion, and other prayers for the well-being of our parishioners are offered daily.

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2020

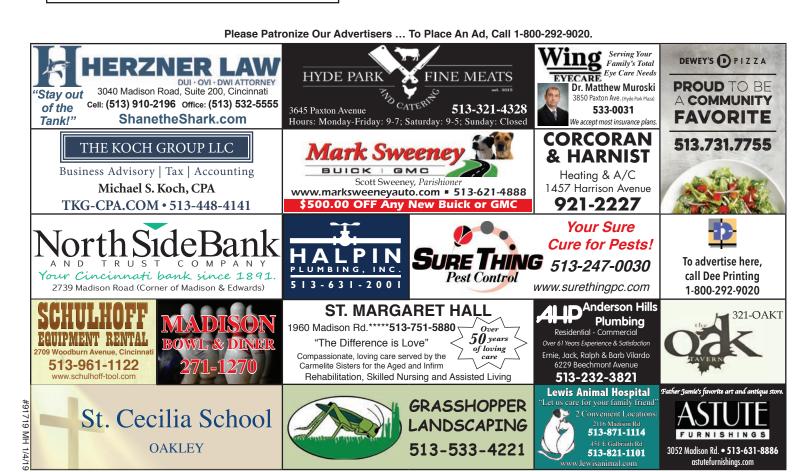
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### Supporting our Parish through Weekly Giving

Many parishioners have reached out and asked how they can support the parish. One of our most pressing needs at this time is financial. If you are still in the position to be able to give to your parish in these times, please help by donating:

- To give online, visit www.stceciliacincinnati.org and click "Online Giving" then follow the prompts.
- To text a gift, text (513) 434-3577 and follow the prompts ... save this to your contacts as GIVE ST CECILIA
- You can mail your weekly contribution to the parish office: St Cecilia Church, 3105 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45209
- You can personally drop off your contributions. There will be two members of the Finance Committee with a collection basket behind St. Cecilia Church on Sundays, from 11 AM-12 PM.



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