

Saint Cecilia Church

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March 1, 2020 - First Sunday of Lent

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 & 6:30 P.M.

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:45, and 11:15 A.M.

Weekday Masses (Monday - Saturday): 6:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses: As Announced In Bulletin

Rev. Robert D. Bruso
Pastor

Rev. Mateus Souza
Associate Pastor

Deacon Ronald J. Aubuchon
Deacon Robert S. Connor, Jr.

Confessions:

Fridays, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Baptisms:

Please call the rectory in advance to schedule baptismal instruction.

Marriages:

Couple should contact the rectory at least one year in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

Mrs. Paula Doucet
Director of Religious Education

Mr. David M. Lasky
Organist

Mass Intentions



Saturday	February 29	Vigil Mass	Mass on pg. 56
4:00 p.m.	Dorothy Lapierre (6th anniv.) by the Lapierre & Hughes family		
Sunday	March 1	First Sunday of Lent	Mass on pg. 56
7:00 a.m.	Ronald Storro by Terry & Bob Gravelle		
9:45 a.m.	Paul M. Pirro (30th day) by his wife, Pauline & family		
11:15 a.m.	Victor Albert by his wife, Lena		
Monday	March 2	Lenten Weekday	Mass on pg. 62
3:00 p.m.	The Holy Rosary is Prayed		
Tuesday	March 3	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin	Mass on pg. 63
3:00 p.m.	The Holy Rosary is Prayed		
Wednesday	March 4	St. Casimir	Mass on pg. 65
6:30 a.m.	Eleanor M. Bartoni (30th day) by Kevin & Michele Mack, Simard's		
3:00 p.m.	The Holy Rosary is Prayed		
4:30 - 5:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
5:30 p.m.	Andrew McGrath by the Bodurtha family		
Thursday	March 5	Lenten Weekday	Mass on pg. 67
6:30 a.m.	Theresa Desilets by last will		
3:00 p.m.	The Holy Rosary is Prayed		
Friday	March 6	Lenten Weekday (World Day of Prayer)	Mass on pg. 68
6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cecilia Parish		
3:00 p.m.	The Holy Rosary is Prayed		
5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross		
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Confessions		
Saturday	March 7	St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs	Mass on pg. 70
3:00 - 3:45 p.m.	Confessions		
		<u>Vigil Mass</u>	<u>Mass on pg. 72</u>
4:00 p.m.	Thomas Tuttle (6th anniv.) by his wife, Carol		
Sunday	March 8	Second Sunday of Lent	Mass on pg. 72
7:00 a.m.	Stephen Lynskey by Connor family		
9:45 a.m.	Deceased members of the Oscar Brodeur family by Rita & family		
11:15 a.m.	Paul Albert by his family		



**"To forgive takes love,
to forget takes humility."**

Blessed Mother Teresa

Our
Deepest
Condolences



The **Sympathies** of the parish community are extended to the family and friends of **Doris L. Boucher** whose Funeral Mass was held recently. Please remember her in your prayers.

The Mass schedule at St. Cecilia's from now until Easter will be as follows:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning Mass will be at 6:30

Wednesday evening Mass will be celebrated at 5:30

Sunday Vigil Mass will be at 4:00 only (no 6:30 Mass)

(with the exception of the Easter Vigil, which will be at 7:30)



We appreciate your patience as we try to get a schedule that will work for everyone.



Thanks to all who picked up a flyer and plan to participate in this year's food drive. Catholic Charities reports an increased need due to high demand and the ever rising food prices. Next week-end will be collecting: **canned spaghetti sauce, canned or boxed pasta and rice, boxed macaroni and cheese, coffee (instant and ground), tea, and iced tea mix.**

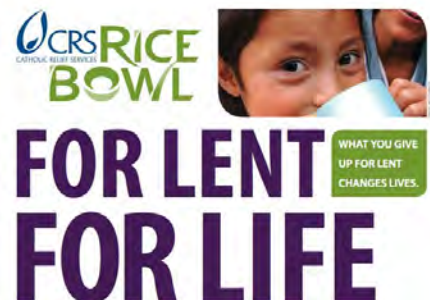
Mini-Bible Course for Lent with Cynthia Trainque at St. Cecilia Parish -- Are you looking to get more out of your Bible reading? Are you wishing to know how to better defend it? Come to this broad-based mini-course during the six weeks of Lent: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1 and 4/8.



Bring a Bible -- notebook optional. We will look at a general overview of the Bible; we will look at genre, various books of the Bible including parts of Genesis, the four Gospels, about the historical Jesus and we will look at the four Gospels as well as the Book of Revelation and learn about St. Paul.

Cynthia Trainque is working on her Master of Arts in Ministry at St. John's Seminary in Braintree. She has written and had published 25+ articles explaining the Catholic Faith. She is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Worcester.

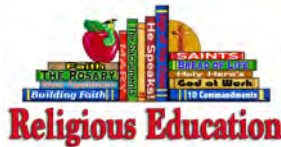
Rice Bowls - Join our faith community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Cardboard "rice bowls" are available on the table at the entrances of the church. Use them during the 40 days of Lent to save loose change and return them at the end of Lent. A little bit every day adds up to a large donation to help children around the world.



OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Claire Babineau, Florence Comeau, Gilles Comeau, John Gallant, Cheryl Hall, Dennis Holman, Ginette LeBlanc, Georgette Lorenzetti, Dee Lucas, Patricia Secino, Riley Watts and Fr. Bob Bruso. If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory and we will add them to our list for a month.

**Religious Education:**

Grades 1-6 Classes continue March 8th from 9:45-11:00 AM. Families are encouraged to attend the 11:15 AM family Mass as a continuation of the children's faith formation.

*REMINDER: Meeting for Parents/Guardians of First Communion candidates, Sunday March 8th from 9:45 - 11:00 AM

Teenagers in Grades 7-10 Classes resume on March 2nd from 7:00- 8:15 PM. Lasagna dinner served at 6:15 PM prior to classes.

Please remember the doors are locked 15 minutes after classes start. Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 978-537-5596 to ask the monitor to open the door.

Yes, there is a national lasagna day but not until July 29th. Since lasagna is delicious anytime we welcome teenagers in middle & high school to join us for a Lasagna Dinner!

When: March 2nd

Where: Parish Center Hall. Just beyond the double doors is a meeting Room where Fr. Bob usually holds his Bible study classes- we will Meet and eat in there.

Who's invited: Grades 7 -12

Time: Dinner will be ready at 6:15 PM (At 7:00 PM those attending Religious Education will head to their classrooms)

RSVP: By March 1st - Contact Paula at 978.537.6541 or pd@stceciliachurch.net so I can plan correctly the quantity of food to bring.

**It's Bunko Time!!**

Please join us on Sunday, March 15th **at 1:30** for Bunko in the Parish Center. Never played before? No problem! Bunko is fast paced, highly sociable, and easy to learn. Just show up around 1:10 for a quick lesson or refresher on how to play.

Cost to play is \$6.00 per person, refreshments are served and cash prizes are awarded. Must be 18 years of age or older.

Pre-registration is a must! Please call **Deanne at 978-537-4774** to sign up and reserve your spot.



Saturday, March 7 from 5 - 10 PM at St. Cecilia's, Leominster
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Leominster Parishes Lenten Weekday Schedule
Lenten Weekday Mass Schedule:

St. Leo in the Church - 7:00 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
St. Leo in the Convent - 8:30 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Our Lady of the Lake - 8:00 am on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
St. Anna - 7:30 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
St. Cecilia - 6:30 am on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday and 5:30 pm on Wednesday
Holy Family - 8:00 am on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday and 6:20 pm on Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Leo - Monday at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Lake - Tuesday at 7:00 pm
St. Anna - Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Holy Family - Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Holy Trinity Chapel (69 Lincoln Terrace) - Thursday at 5:30 pm
St. Cecilia - Friday at 6:00 pm

Lenten Mission "Being Church" - Every night at 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 22 - St. Leo "Being One"
Monday, March 23 - St. Anna "Being Apostolic"
Tuesday, March 24 - St. Cecilia "Being Holy"
Wednesday, March 25 - Holy Family "Being Catholic"

Collections Report

Last Week's Stewardship: \$7,807.44
February Church Maintenance: \$999.
Home Missions Appeal: \$647.

St. Cecilia's Bingo
Friday Evenings at 6:30 PM
Doors Open at 4 PM
Come Try Your Luck!



What kinds of animals do you like?



Do you like the scaly slithering type,



The soft and fluffy type,

Or the rough bristly type?

COME AND FIND OUT

SAT., MARCH 21ST AT 2:00 PM

ST. CECILIA PARISH CENTER



Join us when we have 8-10 animals from Animal Adventure and their Guide visit with us. Meet the animals, hear interesting stories and information about them and get close. (Controlled petting and touching is allowed at the discretion of the Animal Adventure Guide.) After the animal's visit, join us for an animal adventure movie and snacks. Will we learn about "The Secret Life of Pets" or save "Zootopia" from friendly predators gone wild?

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