Saint Cecilia Church

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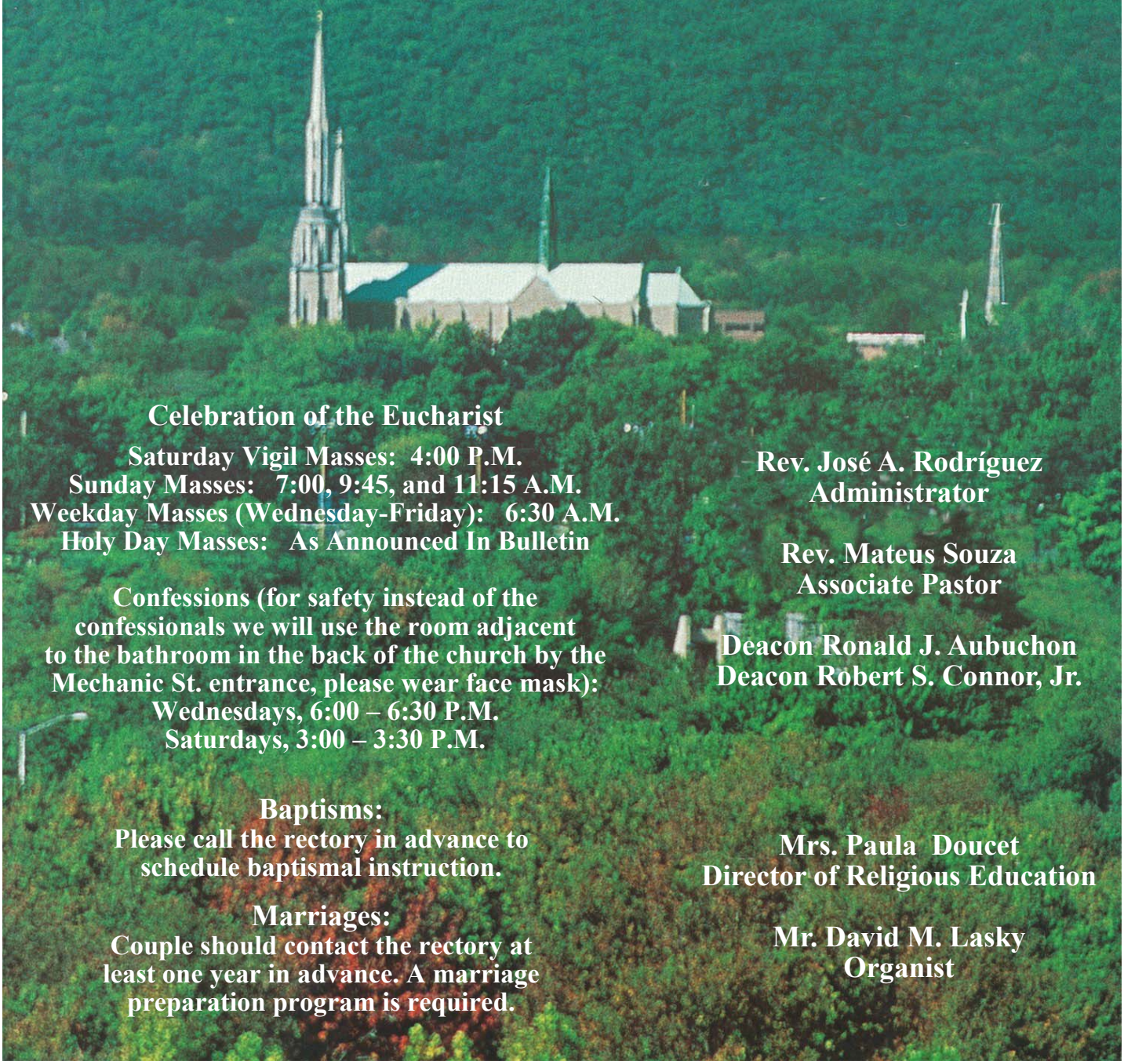
July 19, 2020 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:45, and 11:15 A.M.
Weekday Masses (Wednesday-Friday): 6:30 A.M.
Holy Day Masses: As Announced In Bulletin

Confessions (for safety instead of the confessionals we will use the room adjacent to the bathroom in the back of the church by the Mechanic St. entrance, please wear face mask):
Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 P.M.
Saturdays, 3:00 – 3:30 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.

Rev. José A. Rodríguez
Administrator

Rev. Mateus Souza
Associate Pastor

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

Mrs. Paula Doucet
Director of Religious Education

Mr. David M. Lasky
Organist

Saturday	**July 18**	**Vigil Masses**	**Mass on pg. 234**
4:00 p.m.	Waldo Gibson & Pamela Petricca (3rd anniv.) by her husband, Lawrence & family		
Sunday	**July 19**	**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass on pg. 234**
7:00 a.m.	Rita M. Daigle by Francine Gaudet		
9:45 a.m.	Omer Aubuchon (28th anniv.) by his wife & family		
11:15 a.m.	Daniel Charpentier (33rd anniv.) by his family		
Monday	**July 20**	**St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr**	**Mass on pg. 239**
	No Mass at St. Cecilia's — Mass at: St. Anna's 7:30 a.m. & St. Leo's 8:30 a.m.		
Tuesday	**July 21**	**St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor**	**Mass on pg. 240**
	No Mass at St. Cecilia's — Mass at: St. Anna's 7:30 a.m. & St. Leo's 8:30 a.m.		
Wednesday	**July 22**	**St. Mary Magdalene**	**Mass on pg. 241**
6:30 a.m.	Shirley Pothier by Paul & children		
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Confessions		
Thursday	**July 23**	**St. Bridget, Religious**	**Mass on pg. 242**
6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cecilia Parish		
Friday	**July 24**	**St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest**	**Mass on pg. 243**
6:30 a.m.	Edgar Roy by Francois & Dina Richard		
Saturday	**July 25**	**St. James, Apostle**	**Mass on pg. 244**
	No Morning Mass		
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Confessions		
		Vigil Mass	**Mass on pg. 246**
4:00 p.m.	Robert Hawkins (3rd anniv.) by Kelley & Kylie		
Sunday	**July 26**	**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass on pg. 246**
7:00 a.m.	Paul J. Roy by the Bunko Squad		
9:45 a.m.	Deceased members of the Ladies of St. Anne by the Ladies of St. Anne		
11:15 a.m.	James & Lucille Fernandes by the family		

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A Message From Fr. Mateus

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quickly to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. My father who is an amazing gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not out responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

May God bless you!

Fr. Mateus

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Please pray for those who are ill, especialy:

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If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email us at office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our list for a month.

The Sympathies of the parish community are extended to the family and friends of

our Pastor,

Rev. Robert D. Bruso

whose Funeral Mass was held recently. Please remember him in your prayers.

The Rosary Is Prayed

Monday thru Friday

at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Please Join Us!

St. Cecilia's Bingo remains on hold due to 25 person capacity restrictions.

Protect & Heal - Believe in the possibility of help and healing. If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, call Judith Audette at the Worcester Diocesan Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363.

When you come to the church for Mass or private prayer, please consider donating to St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Cecilia's Parish. With your donations we have been able to provide food, emergency shelter, rental assistance, gas money, heating expenses, and aid in avoiding utility shut-off as well as several other services to individuals and families with children in our area.
Pope Francis said "generosity enlarges the heart". May God abundantly bless your large, generous hearts for allowing us to do His work in service to others. Please be assured that you are in our prayers. Saint Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Cecilia's Parish

Collection Report

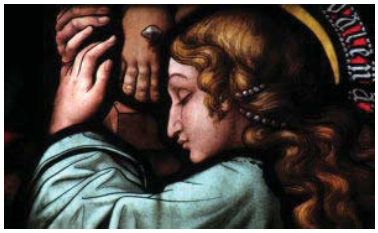
7/12 Weekly Stewardship $5,702.64

(this includes many makeup envelopes and on-line donations)

We are always grateful for your generous support and we hope that you will continue to financially give to our parish.

We are asking if you are able to support our parish financially in any of the following ways:

1. Place in collection basket before or after Mass
2. Mail in your weekly envelopes
3. Mail a check
4. Drop contributions off thru the rectory mail slot front door on Mechanics St
5. Online Giving via our parish website www.stceciliachurch.net click box Give Online Support Our Parish



Saint Mary Magdalen Feast Day this Wednesday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalen patron saint of the contemplative life, coverts, glove makers, hairstylists, penitent sinners, people ridiculed for their piety, perfumeries and perfumers, pharmacists and women.

From a Homily by Pope Saint Gregory the Great

When Mary Magdalen came to the tomb and did not find the Lord's body, she thought it had been taken away and so informed the disciples. After they came and saw the tomb, they too believed what Mary had told them. The text then says: "The disciples went back home," and it adds: "but Mary wept and remained standing outside the tomb."

We should reflect on Mary's attitude and the great love she felt for Christ, for though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought she wept. Burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tell us: "Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved."

The Diocesan Scouting Committee on Scouting

would like to invite Scouts and friends to attend our virtual Saint Patch Workshop. This workshop will be done by the internet through Zoom on July 27, Monday, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

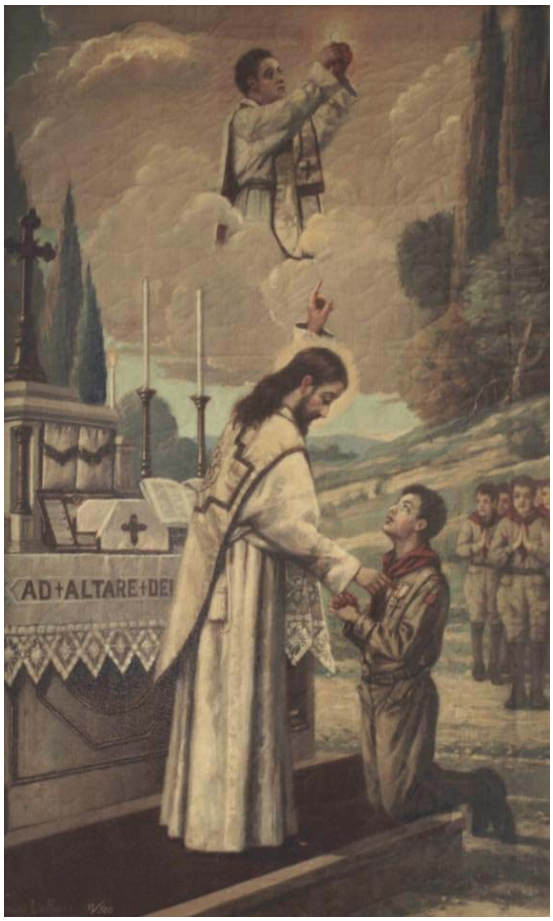
Scarce food was a problem in the past few weeks. This made us wish that our families should have been farmers or at least, had a big garden. Saint Isidore is the saint to turn to for the patron of farmers. He was named after Bishop Isidore who is the saint that is the patron of the internet. The next patch workshop is really for the first Isidore, but we will also include the Bishop even if the patch is for the first one.

Both food and the internet are what helped us to get through our quarantine. Each Scout who participates and successfully completes the two-hours session will be eligible to receive the patch.

Please sign up by registering on the following link;

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3VSBGLL

Deadline is Saturday, July 25.



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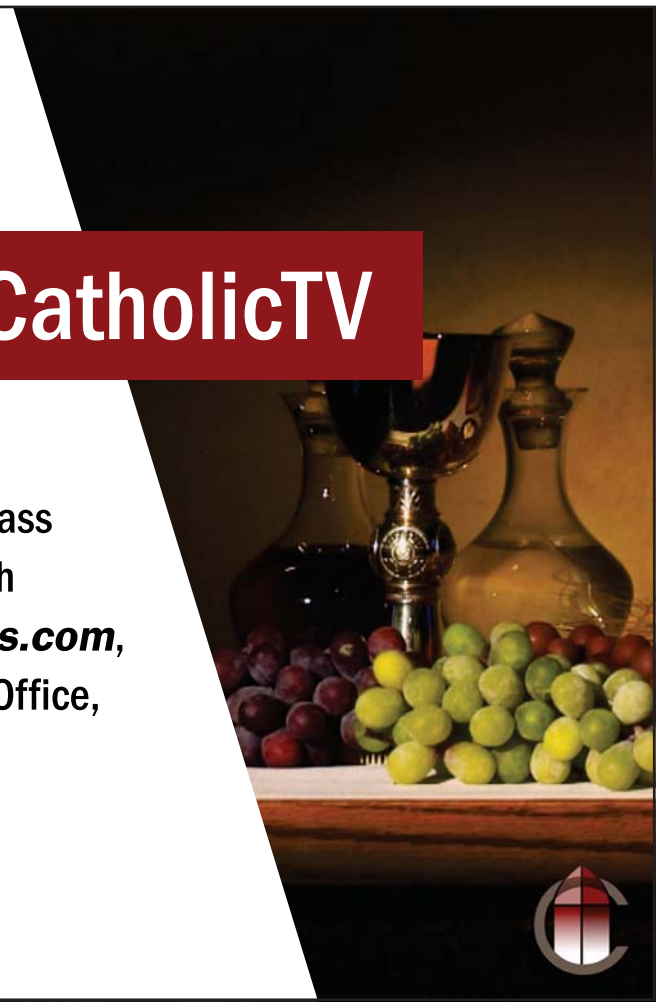

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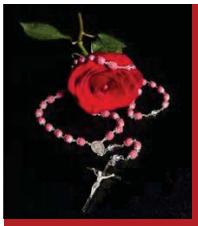
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