

# Saint Cecilia Church

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Parish Office Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9 am - 5 pm and Friday 9 am - 4 pm

September 6, 2020 - Twenty-Third 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



*Mass Intentions*

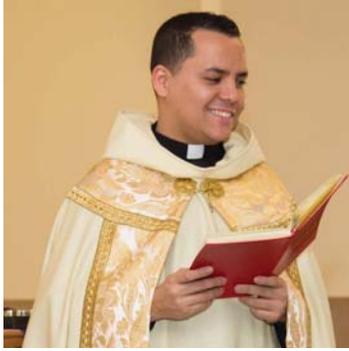
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 5</b>	<b>Vigil Masses</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 81</b>
4:00 p.m.	Leon Gallagher (15th anniv.) by his wife, Jeanne & children		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 6</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 81</b>
7:00 a.m.	Lien (Theresa) Le (anniv.) by her husband		
9:45 a.m.	Deceased members of the Comeau family by Gail & Ron LeBlanc		
11:15 a.m.	Roland & Victorine Aubuchon & sons (anniv.) by the family		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 7</b>	<b>Weekday (Labor Day)</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 86</b>
No Mass at St. Cecilia's — Mass at: St. Anna's 7:30 a.m. & St. Leo's 8:30 a.m.			
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 8</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 86</b>
10:00 a.m.	33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat Mass with Consecration		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 9</b>	<b>St. Peter, Claver, Priest</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 88</b>
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Robert D. Brusco (2 months) by Charlotte Ruberti		
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Confessions		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 90</b>
6:30 a.m.	Barbara Burnside Garrity by Margaret Curley		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 91</b>
6:30 a.m.	Lucille & Norman Clark by Richard & Carol Cormier		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 12</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 92</b>
No Morning Mass			
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Confessions		
		<b><u>Vigil Mass</u></b>	<b><u>Mass on pg. 94</u></b>
4:00 p.m.	Edmund LeBlanc (anniv.) by his son & family		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 13</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 94</b>
7:00 a.m.	Cameron Bernard (2nd anniv.) by Mémère & Pépère		
9:45 a.m.	Roger Richard (10th anniv.) by his sister & family		
11:15 a.m.	Adelard Richard (6th anniv.) by his wife & children		



**OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK,  
PRAY FOR US**

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:  
**Claire Beaudoin, Howard Barnaby, Marie Cyr,  
Anselma Geronimo, Bob Taylor and Riley Watts.**

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



## A Message From Fr. Mateus

Hello everybody. Since my last bulletin note about my golfing endeavors a lot of you have asked me how things are going. It's incredible how training and perseverance pays off. I can say that I'm far from being the new Tiger Woods of French Hill, but after a few lessons at Monoosnock with my new buddy Dennis Lanciani, I'm hitting pretty much straight shots and my swing has improved a lot. For all the golfers out there, I'm accepting invitations for a match or a quick practice at the driving range. I'm not that challenging, I promise.

But let's go back to business: With great joy and thanksgiving to Almighty God I just want to announce that *we have reached our goal of \$50,000 in the Partners in Charity Campaign*. I know how challenging this year has been for each one of us. So this accomplishment has a special flavor this year and I am very proud of our parish community. Thank you so much for each and everyone of you who made the sacrifice to contribute to this Campaign. Our contribution will certainly help hundreds of people through the different ministries and programs sponsored by Partners in Charity in our Diocese. May God retribute your generosity abundantly.

Another good news: I just want to welcome back our Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion and our Altar Servers to their ministries this weekend. For those who may be concerned with safety, they have been trained properly so they won't offer any risk with possible spread of Covid-19. Their ministry is not only a privilege but most of all a calling. Therefore, I'm sure they are extremely thankful for the opportunity to serve again. There will be three stations for the distribution of the Holy Eucharist starting this weekend at every Mass: I will remain in the center aisle and two Eucharistic Ministers will be on the side aisles. Feel free to approach whoever is closer to you. I know some prefer to receive from the priest, and that's totally fine too.

As I mentioned last weekend, there are little containers with holy water available in the vestibule of the church. You're welcome to take one home to bless yourself, your family, the sick and also your house.

Labor Day Weekend marks the end of summer vacation, so I just want to encourage and bless all the teachers and students that are resuming school this week whether in person or online. I wish you all the strength and courage you will need to succeed in this coming school year. "Don't let your hearts be troubled! You have faith in God, have faith also in me" says Jesus. Therefore, don't let fear interfere with the potential you have to be the best version of yourselves, but most of all, don't let fear make you forget your calling to be disciples and missionaries of Christ witnessing with your lives the Good News of the Gospel in the world.

Regarding our Religious Education Program, we've been in touch with the parents and we've been listening to their thoughts and concerns. Hopefully pretty soon we will be able to make a final decision whether we will resume classes in person or online.

Finally, for all those who are unemployed or underemployed, on this Labor Day weekend, I ask the intercession of St. Joseph, the worker, to bless you and grant you a secure and prosperous job where you can succeed and grow professionally and spiritually.

God bless you all!

Fr. Mateus

The Sympathies of the parish community are extended to the family and friends of **Gerard “Jerry” J. Richard** whose Funeral Mass was held recently. Our condolences are also extended to fellow parishioner Venance Brideau whose brother Norbert Brideau of Fitchburg died recently. Please remember them in your prayers.



We have been providing two Mass books, the Celebrating the Eucharist Missalette as well as the Word Among Us. We will continue providing the Missallettes. If you enjoy the Word Among Us, you can start your own subscription using the card in the book or online at [wau.org/new4](http://wau.org/new4).



On behalf of the thousands of people in Worcester County (also the Diocese of Worcester) THANK YOU for the extraordinary support to Partners in Charity and its works of charity, ministry and education.

St. Cecilia’s Parish raised a total of **\$50,800.**

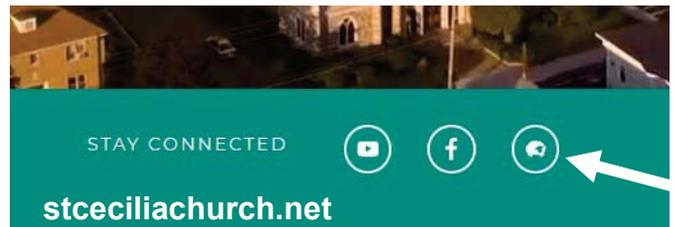
In the midst of a pandemic, that is an awesome response!

**St. Cecilia’s Flea Market**  
coming soon!  
See next week’s  
bulletin for more details.



**FLOCKNOTE** at St. Cecilia’s!

What is it? **Flocknote** is a program that allows for messaging of information between the parish and you, our parishioners. It is a way to communicate important information about the parish, and special events, and can be a way for you to stay in touch with what is happening especially at this time. On the home page of our website you’ll find a link to sign up, or you can text **JoinStCecilia**” (all one word) to **84576** and register that way, too! **Sign up, today!**



**Collections Report** (includes online donations)

Weekly Stewardship \$5,560.04

Eastern Europe \$416.

Assumption \$672.

Monthly Church Maintenance \$1,249.

Your continued support of our Parish is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

**COMING SOON**

News and information about this year’s Religious Education Program will be sent out to households shortly. Our program will not start until the first week in October.

## 33 Days to Morning Glory

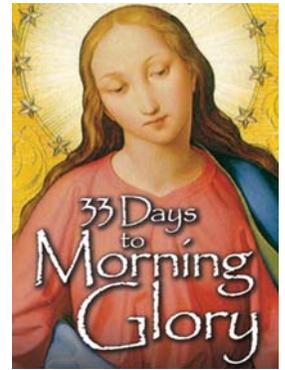
Meeting for those doing the retreat  
this Sunday, September 6 after the 11:15 am Mass  
(If you attend another Mass, join us at 12 pm)

**Masses on the feast of the Nativity of Mary  
with individual consecration**

**10:00 am at St. Cecilia**

**5:30 pm at Holy Family**

All are welcomed to attend either Mass



**Saint for Labor Day** - This woman knew that work, when it is united to the will of God, bears abundant fruit. Work is an important aspect of human life and separates us from the rest of creation. From the very beginning Adam was called to “work,” as the book of Genesis narrates for us, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15). Many saints responded to this vocation of work by using their minds and hands to contribute towards the well being of society. When they offered their lives to God, they also gave him their gifts and talents for the greater good of all. They knew that work is necessary for the flourishing of civilization and when it is united to the will of God, it bears abundant fruit.



### Saint Zélie Martin

After being denied entrance to the convent, Zélie devoted herself to making lace and was well known in the area for her *point d’Alençon*. She continued this trade after getting married to Louis Martin and eventually hired additional help to meet the demands of customers.

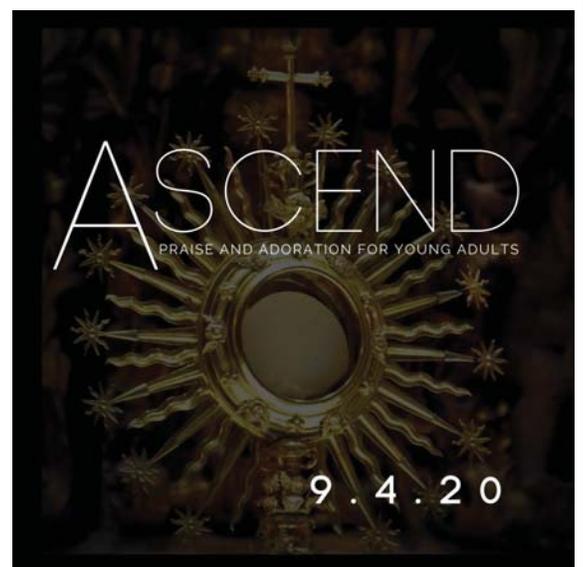
Her lacemaking business was so successful that Louis closed down his watchmaking store in order to devote his time to support his wife’s endeavors. For several years it was her business that supported the family financially. She was able to balance this home business while raising a household of children who would go on to pursue the religious life (including St. Therese of Lisieux and her sister Leonie, whose cause for sainthood was initiated in 2015). **Her Feast Day is July 12.**

After a long hiatus due to Covid-19, our young adult *Ascend* nights are back! *Ascend* is an evening of praise and Eucharistic Adoration for young adults normally held on the first Friday of the month. Join us this **Friday, September 4th at 7pm** at St. Bernard's Church at Our Lady of Providence Parish located at 236 Lincoln St. in Worcester.

### Covid-19 reminders

Due to the pandemic, all participants are required to social distance unless you are members of the same household. Masks are required.

*Ascend* is a great way to start off the weekend by spending some time with Jesus along with other young adults in the area! We will start at 7pm and conclude around 8pm. Feel free to come at any time! Questions, contact Tim Messenger at [tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org)



**Diocese of Worcester adds five new seminarians,  
please keep them in your prayers.**



**Christopher Kopacko** is from St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Warren and will be attending Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland



**DJ Young** spent several years in formation for the Missionaries of La Salette, and will be entering Mount St. Mary's Seminary for our Diocese in the fall.

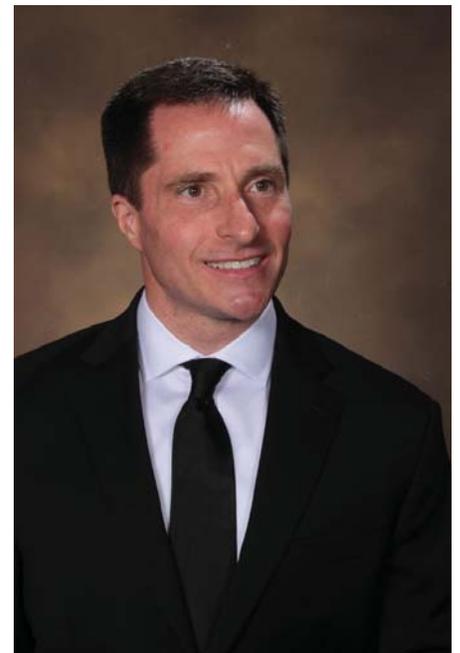


**Wylie Malcolm** is from Connecticut and a student at Assumption University



**John Sullivan** is from St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish in Clinton and has just begun his studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary

***Lord Jesus Christ,  
we pray for these  
men whom You have  
called to discern  
priesthood.  
We beg Your  
continued blessings  
on our Diocese and  
families. Call forth  
even more men of  
generous spirit and  
fervent love whom  
You desire for this  
holy work.  
Amen.***

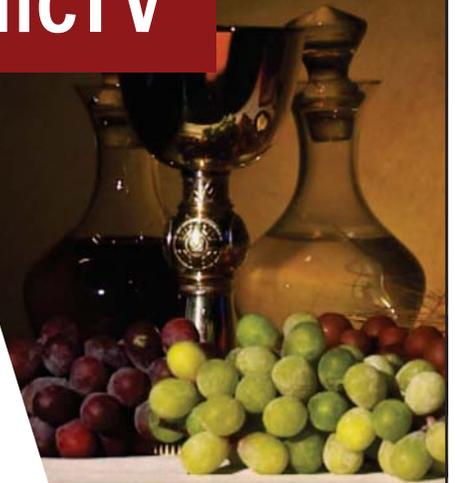


**Steve Mullaney** is from St. Leo in Leominster and will be studying at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston

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