

# Saint Cecilia Church

Rectory: 170 Mechanic Street Leominster, Massachusetts

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Parish Website: [stceciliachurch.net](http://stceciliachurch.net) / Like St Cecilia's Church on Facebook

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

**September 13, 2020 - Twenty-Fourth 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

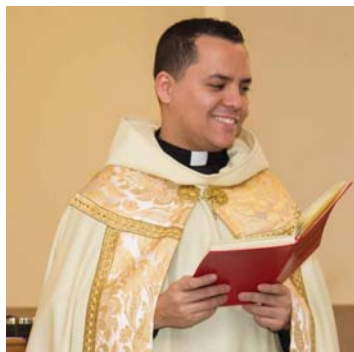
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 12</b>	<b>Vigil Masses</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 94</b>
4:00 p.m.	Edmund LeBlanc (anniv.) by his son & family		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 13</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 94</b>
7:00 a.m.	Cameron Bernard (2nd anniv.) by Mémère & Pépère		
9:45 a.m.	Roger Richard (10th anniv.) by his sister & family		
11:15 a.m.	Adelard Richard (6th anniv.) by his wife & children		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 99</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 15</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 100</b>
No Mass at St. Cecilia's — Mass at: St. Anna's 7:30 a.m. & St. Leo's 8:30 a.m.			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<b>St. Cornelius, Pope &amp; St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 104</b>
6:30 a.m.	Denise Pagacik (2nd anniv.) by Anne-Marie Bernard		
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Confessions		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 17</b>	<b>St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 106</b>
6:30 a.m.	Beverly Mooney (8th anniv.) by the Hamel family		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 107</b>
6:30 a.m.	Rev. Richard G. Roger by June & Larry Tarnowski		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 19</b>	<b>St. Januarius, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 108</b>
No Morning Mass			
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Confessions		
<b>Vigil Mass</b>			<b>Mass on pg. 109</b>
4:00 p.m.	Phyllis Salvatore (22nd anniv.) by the family		
	Andrew Goguen (61st anniv.) by Carol, Lena & Kim		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 20</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 109</b>
7:00 a.m.	Victor Albert (1st anniv.) by his wife & family		
9:45 a.m.	Rosaire & Alice Gaudet (anniv.) by the family		
11:15 a.m.	Romeo Pelletier (18th 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, John Gallant,  
 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

The prince of the Apostles asked Jesus how many times we should forgive those who offend us. Peter himself suggests an answer, already quite generous in itself: "Seven times?" But Christ, who does not allow himself to be overcome in generosity, goes much further than this: "I do not tell you seven times, but seventy times seven", and, to explain it, Jesus tells a parable about the Father's Kingdom: God is like a compassionate king who forgives even the most extravagant debts of his servants. Unfortunately, we, who are the servants of that Kingdom, although we are willing to ask for forgiveness for the huge amount we owe, on the other hand, we are not willing to forgive what our neighbors owe us. And it is because of this that the forgiveness we ask for is not sincere at heart.

Is it possible to be truly repentant, if we ask forgiveness for only *some* sins? In fact, we pray to God to be forgiving of our lies, to understand the weakness of our betrayals, to reiterate our falls, to forgive us for our excessiveness; however, if we do not forgive those who offend us, it is because we are not sorry for our pride, which is the root of all these other sins. Now, if we do not reject the root, it is because the tree and the fruits still please us. And if before God we pose the humble, but before others we are implacable; if we want to live in forgiveness, but we refuse to forgive others, what kind of fruit do we hope to reap, if not what we reserve for our neighbors?

Let us remember that with the same measure with which we measure, we will be measured (cf. Lk 6:38), and that if we do not forgive others, neither our heavenly Father will forgive us (cf. Mt 6:15). Let us not dare to appear before him with the appearance of a penitent, but with a hidden divided heart, hoping that in Christ's most just judgment two weights and two measures will apply: for me, mercy and forgiveness; for others, sentence and punishment. Once again, let us seek with contrite heart the sacrament of Penance, where divine forgiveness is given to us without fail, which the Lord does not deny to the willing; and, in order to be able to avail ourselves of this gift of mercy, let us already forgive in our hearts those who offend us, not seven, but seventy times seven, and as many times as necessary.

God bless you!

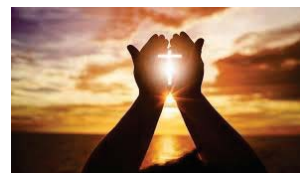
Fr. Mateus

## St. Cecilia's Flea Market — Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 2-3 from 10 am to 4 pm

We are now taking reservations for Sept. 25 - 26 from 10 am - 12 noon, walk-ins welcome from 12 noon to 4 pm. We will adhere to all safety regulations regarding number of people who can enter, social distancing, must have mask on and bring your own hand sanitizer. Call the rectory 978-537-6541 for reservations (you will need to know in advance how many will be coming with you).



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



back to  
School



Back to school is looking different for many this year! So too with our Religious Education classes.

In order to respect each family and there unique situations we will be offering both classroom learning and homeschooling.

Registration for Grades 1-10 went out in the mail this week and information for Confirmation candidates will be going out shortly.

If you did not receive a registration or are new to the parish and would like to enroll your child(ren) into our program reach out to me, Paula, by calling the rectory at 978.537.6541 or by email [pd@stceciliachurch.net](mailto:pd@stceciliachurch.net). You may also go to our website for further information at [www.stceciliachurch.net](http://www.stceciliachurch.net).

**Register  
NOW!**



### Exodus 90: Young Adult Men's Program

Attention Young Adult Men! Are you looking to revamp your prayer life, grow in self-discipline, and find community with other men striving to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ? If so, then we invite you to join us for Exodus 90, a 90 day spiritual program focused on prayer, asceticism, and fraternity.

If you are interested, we will have an informational

meeting on **Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. The program itself will begin on September 26. To get the Zoom link for the meeting and for complete details on the program, go to [neworchester.org/exodus-90](http://neworchester.org/exodus-90).

### Collection Report

*(includes online donations)*

Weekly Stewardship \$5,245.

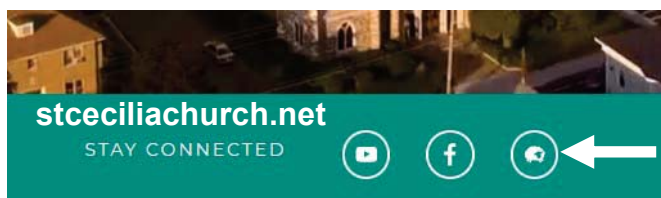
**Your continued support of our Parish is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.**

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

- ♦ In collection basket before or after Mass
- ♦ Mail in your donation
- ♦ Drop contributions off thru the rectory mail slot front door on Mechanic St
- ♦ Online Giving via our parish website [www.stceciliachurch.net](http://www.stceciliachurch.net) click box Give Online Support Our Parish

### 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!**





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LADIES OF ST. ANNE HONORARY MEMBERS!



**CLAIRE BABINEAU**



**JEANNE RICHARD**



**PAULETTE MAYER**



**RITA GIROUARD**

In an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy, all Ladies of St. Anne activities are cancelled for this year. We pray that we can resume our schedule in April.

*O God, You bestowed on St. Anne such grace that she was found worthy to become the mother of Mary, who brought forth Your only begotten Son. Grant that we many be helped by her intercession. Amen.*



Congratulations to  
**Jeannette & Joseph Marcoux**  
who are celebrating their  
60th Wedding Anniversary!

### Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,  
you were born in the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families,  
for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for  
their families strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasures of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations  
the fruits of their mature human and  
spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society to value the presence  
and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families may  
one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await  
all humanity for  
the great  
embrace of life  
without end.

Amen!





Diocese of Worcester  
Office of the Bishop  
49 Elm Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

September 10, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the past six years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called *Celebrate Priesthood- Taste of the Diocese* as a benefit for Retired Priests' care. Given the many restrictions to protect us from the Coronavirus pandemic, we are planning a *Virtual Celebrate Priesthood* event for October 26, 2020.

We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. So our Virtual event will nonetheless be a uplifting celebration!

On **Monday, October 26 at 6 pm** we will livestream an evening featuring interviews with some of our priests ranging from recently ordained to retired. We will also invite you into the celebration that evening by sharing your memories that day by email and/or social media to be part of this special night, which we will share during the live event.

Although we cannot gather that night for the delectable tastings from area restaurants and parishes, "tickets" as donations will be available up to and including that night to receive a gift of coupons from area restaurants to enjoy tastings at their facilities or as takeout. As restaurants are confirmed, we will post them and their offerings on the *Celebrate Priesthood* webpage.

Individual donations, advertising in the commemorative book and sponsorships have all been necessary elements to the success of this annual event in support of on average 55 retired priests in our diocese who have committed more than **2,000 years of service** as a group to our spiritual wellbeing! That financial support is critical since over the past six years the cost of their care has exceeded resources by an average of over \$500,000.

I invite you to utilize the forms which are available online and in our parishes to participate. Everyone who responds will receive a commemorative book in the mail along with restaurant coupons for those who donate \$100 or more for "tickets" or general donations. Sponsors, donors and advertisers will also be posted on the *Celebrate Priesthood* webpage and social media.

Please join me in spreading the word about this wonderful celebration of the priesthood and the importance of supporting our priests in retirement.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

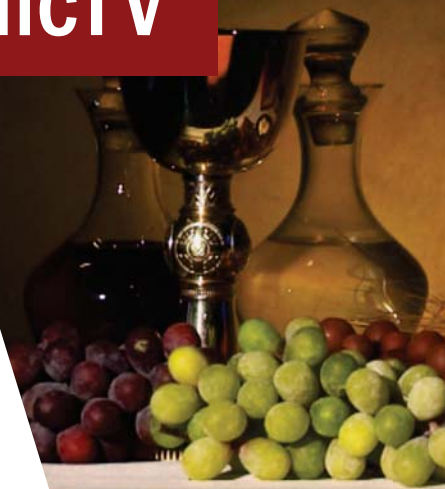
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



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