

Saint Cecilia Church

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, BY FRA ANGELICO (1452)

Saint Cecilia Parish

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Lord's Day Masses

Vigil Mass 4:00pm on Saturday Sunday Masses at 7:00am, 9:45am and 11:15am

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30am Thursday at 9:00am and 6:00pm Friday at 9:00am and Saturday at 9:00am

Sacrament of Penance (confessions)

Wednesday at 6:00pm and Saturday at 9:30am and 3:00pm

Rosary Monday thru Friday at 3:00pm and a Men's Rosary on Wednesday at 7:00pm

Adoration Fridays 9:30am to noon

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory in advance to schedule baptismal instruction.

Sacrament of Marriage

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





WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

My dear brothers and sisters,

Next Wednesday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, celebrated on the fortieth day after Christmas. The 6:30am Mass will be preceded by the Blessing of Candles in the Choir Chapel, with a procession into the Chapel of Divine Mercy and Saint Joseph.

I have always loved the Feast of the Presentation, also known as Candlemas, for, like the Mass at Midnight at Christmas, it reminds us of how "God, the source and origin of all light" revealed the radiant light of his Only-Begotten Son. Let us beg the Father that Christ, the Eternal Light shine on all that is Dark: obliterating hidden sin, enlightening ignorance and warming the coldness of hearts who have forgotten the warmth of his mercy.



For it's also amazing to realize that Ash Wednesday is only four weeks from the Feast of the Presentation! Lent is such a wonderful gift to us, the "Season of second chances," when we will prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the great Sacred Paschal Triduum.

One of the best ways to prepare for Easter is to go to confession. As you know, we have been experimenting with the confession schedule since the beginning of Advent, and in the weeks leading up to Christmas we were blessed to witness scores of folks returning to the Sacrament of Christ's mercy.

Over the past couple weeks, however, the number of penitents on Thursday and Friday evenings has been very small. So, until Lent begins, we will suspend those confessions and celebrate the Sacrament three times a week: on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and Saturdays at 9:30am and 3:00pm. We will return to an expanded schedule again for Lent.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney

Children's Religious Education



Sunday, January 30th: Confirmation Candidates: Class from 5:30 - 8:15 PM in the Bible Study Room

Sunday, January 30th & February 6th: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 6th Grade: Classes continue from 9:45- 11:00 AM.

Monday, January 31st Grades 7-10: Classes continue from 7:00-8:15 PM

Please remember to wear your mask! If you forgot your mask, don't worry, there will be some at the top of the staircase before entering your classroom.

Please enter and exit the Parish Center through the door where the Third & Fourth St. parking lots meet. If you have a late drop off or an early pick up and the door is locked, please call 978.537.5596 for assistance. THANKS!

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

Thomas McDermott, Sr., Patrícía A. Joyal and Breana T. Gallant

whose Funeral Services were held recently. Please remember them in your prayers.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, Pray For Us

Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Kathy Scott, Dan Sevigny and Donna Seviany

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 or so.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION WAS \$7,398.26. Thank you!

"Angels, those Heavenly Beings"

Bible Study course will begin this Thursday, February 3rd and will be held in the Parish Center at 9:30 AM. If interested, please email Pat at psecino@stceciliachurch.net or call the Rectory 978-537-6541. Look forward to seeing you!

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All young adults are invited to join the Diocese of Worcester for World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal in the summer of 2023. The trip is open to **young adults ages 18+ (at the time of the trip in 2023)**. Youth ages 16 and 17 (at the time of the trip in 2023) are welcome to attend but must attend with a parent. Our Diocesan trip will run from **July 28 - August 9, 2023** and will include the World Youth Day festivities as well as a trip to Fatima and a couple free days to explore Lisbon!

Information Meeting

If you are even the slightest bit interested, join us for an **informational meeting on Monday, February 7th at 7pm at St. George in Worcester** where we will go over the price, itinerary, all the other details and will answer any questions. St. George is located at 4 Brattle St. in Worcester.

If you are unable to make the meeting in person but would like to join us via zoom, contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org to receive a zoom link.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 29	Vigil Mass	Mass on pg. 198
4:00 p.m.	Clarence Quiet (30th anniv.) by his wife & family		
Sunday	January 30	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass on pg. 198
7:00 a.m.	Deceased member		
9:45 a.m.	Alonzo Gaudet (4th anniv.) by the family		
11:15 a.m.	Gloria Lefebvre by Jan & Wayne Doucet		
Monday	January 31	St. John Bosco, Priest & Religious Founder	Mass on pg. 203
6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cecilia Parish		
Tuesday	February 1	Weekday	Mass on pg. 205
6:30 a.m.	Paul J. Roy by the Bunko Squad		
Wednesday	February 2	The Presentation of the Lord	Mass on pg. 206
6:30 a.m.	Rita M. Daigle by Albert & May Thebeau		
Thursday	February 3	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr	Mass on pg. 212
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