



SAINT CECILIA CHURCH



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

In recent years there has been a real worry in the Church concerning what people believe about the most central doctrines of our Faith, namely, the “real presence’ of Christ in the Eucharist.

As we recall each time we celebrate the Mass, the Lord Jesus blessed and broke bread and gave it to us saying *This is my Body*. In the same way, he took a chalice of wine and said *This is my Blood*.

Thus do we believe that in what appears to be bread and wine, Christ is fully present in his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity; and that presence continues, even after Holy Communion has been distributed, which is why we reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle with a vigil light burning before it day and night!

Our beloved Pope emeritus, Benedict XVI put it best years ago during a Eucharistic procession in Lourdes when he declared: *Lord Jesus, you are here!*

Where would we be without the Holy Eucharist, *the mystery of faith*? From the first time we received the Lord in Holy Communion until the last Communion we will receive on our deathbed, we trust in the promise of the Lord: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” (John 6:54)

In the Holy Eucharist we find our strength to carry the crosses which God sends us, and the joy of knowing we have been loved enough that the Lord wishes to dwell within us and join us to himself.

For when we are joined to Jesus we are joined to that perfect love which is the Blessed Trinity and for which we long to know completely in the Kingdom of heaven! As we say at every Mass, *How Blessed are we to be called to the Supper of the Lamb!*

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney

Finishing the Chapel Final Memorial Opportunities

On Saturday, April 30th, at the 4pm Mass, Bishop McManus will join us for the blessing of our new Daily Mass Chapel, dedicated to the Divine Mercy and Saint Joseph.

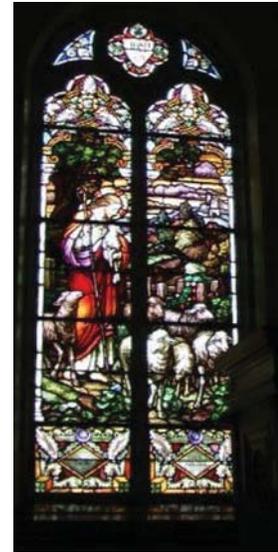
This Chapel has been made possible by the generosity of scores of parishioners who have donated everything from the stars in the ceiling to the statue of Saint Joseph, the relics of Saints John Paul II and Faustina and innumerable other items which make this sacred space such a wonderful setting for Mass, devotions and private prayer.

While the valence/baldacchino above the altar, the lighting and various woodworking details are completed in the coming weeks, the last item which remains is the stained glass windows.

They are scheduled to replace the yellow glass next month and will adorn the chapel with beautiful stained-glass meditations on four biblical themes from the life of Christ, reflections on the Divine Mercy and Saint Joseph.

We have received a generous donation for one complete window and other donations for half of the second. We are still in need of donations to complete 2 1/2 more windows, at \$8,000 each. All donations toward the windows, of any amount, will be inscribed on the donor plaque. Full donations for an entire window will also be noted by a plaque with the name of the donor and memorial on the window itself.

If you are in a position to help with the final element of our beloved new chapel, please drop me a note. As always, you are in my daily grateful prayers.



PLEASE NOTE: While all the stars in the sky have already been donated, any donation you make now to the new windows will be noted on the memorial plaque.



Religious Education

Sunday, March 20th & March 27th Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 6th Grade: Classes continue from 9:45- 11:00 AM.

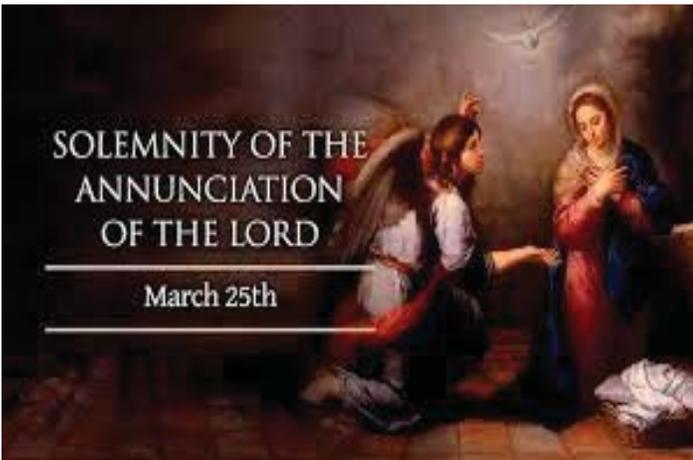
Monday, March 21st Grades 7-10: Classes continue from 7:00- 8:15 PM.

Following the guidelines of the Leominster Public School system wearing face masks will be optional. Face masks will continue to be available at the top of the staircase.

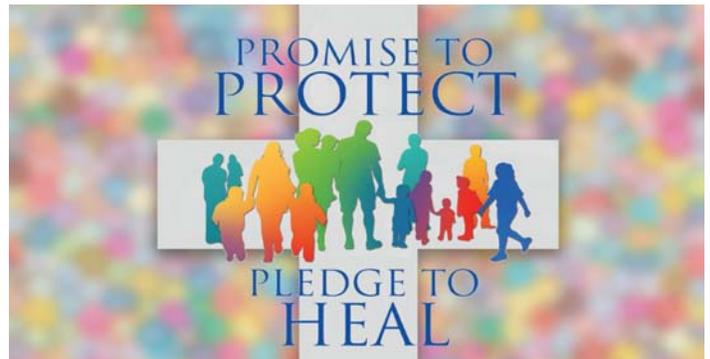
If you have a late drop off or an early pick up and the door is locked, please call 978.537.5596 for assistance. THANKS!

BIBLE STUDY: As we have finished our Bible Study on "Angels" we are now taking up the **Study of Exodus**, the central events of the Old Testament.

We will walk with our Jewish ancestors from slavery to the call of Moses. We will discover that God hears those who are beaten down and liberates those in need of His justice. If this is a topic of interest to you, please join us this **Thursday in the Parish Center at 9:30 A.M.** If this is the first time you join us, please call the Rectory or email Pat Secino at psecino@stceciliachurch.net. We look forward to hearing from you.



O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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.

Last Week's Collection was \$5,718
Thank You!

St. Cecilia's Bingo
Friday Evenings at 6:30 PM
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LENT 2022 AT SAINT CECILIA CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel)

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

CONFESSIONS

Monday 7:00am
Wednesday 6:00pm
Thursday 6:30pm
Saturday 9:30am and 3:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 6:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Chapel)

Fridays from 9:30am-noon

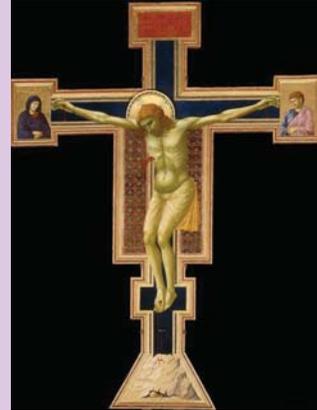
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AND ROSARY (Chapel)

Monday - Friday at 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY (Chapel)
7:00pm

SUNDAY NIGHT REFLECTIONS with Monsignor Moroney via ZOOM

from 6:00-7:00pm
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I LENT (March 6)
The Cross in Art and Prayer

III (March 20)
Meditations with a Pencil:
The Art of Diane Orpen

V Lent (April 3)
Preparing for the Sacred Paschal Triduum

LEOMINSTER PARISHES LENTEN MISSION

Continues this Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30pm
Adoration and Benediction at Saint Anna Church



At this midpoint in the Lenten Food Drive we offer thanks to all who faithfully contribute to its success. Your kindness makes a big difference in the lives of many in our community. Next weekend we will be collecting: **canned meats, canned tuna, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, instant potatoes, baked beans and canned vegetables.**

A **Simple Lenten Soup Supper** will be served each Thursday evening thru April 7 from 4pm-7pm in the Parish Center. Free will offerings will be accepted for the benefit of Saint Vincent de Paul.



This Week we will be serving **Beef Barley**
Each week's menu will be announced in the bulletin

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Pick up your "Rice Bowl" to benefit the poor and the hungry. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds will be distributed by Catholic Relief Services to support life-saving programs in over one hundred countries. Twenty-five percent of your donations will be used in programs to alleviate hunger and poverty in the Diocese of Worcester.





This Week's Mass Intentions



Saturday	March 19	Vigil Mass	Mass on pg. 86
4:00 p.m.	Edward & Roger LeBlanc by the family		
Sunday	March 20	Third Sunday of Lent	Mass on pg. 86
7:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Sweeney & Jones family		
9:45 a.m.	Robert Allain (2nd anniv.) by his family		
11:15 a.m.	Patrick J. Cannon (4th anniv.) by Paul & Edwin Cannon		
Monday	March 21	Lenten Weekday	Mass on pg. 92
6:30 a.m.	Father Donald Gervais (48th anniv.)		
6:00 p.m.	Father Francis Dowd (40th anniv.)		
Tuesday	March 22	Lenten Weekday	Mass on pg. 94
6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Saint Cecilia Parish		
6:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory		
Wednesday	March 23	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	Mass on pg. 95
6:30 a.m.	Father Robert Gariepy by Al & Claudette Guilmette		
9:00 a.m.	Father William Lucey (68th anniv.)		
Thursday	March 24	St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr	Mass on pg. 97
9:00 a.m.	David Tata by Patricia Secino		
6:00 p.m.	Evelyn Nadareski by Susan Lamkin		
Friday	March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	Mass on pg. 99
9:00 a.m.	Father Aime DeBois (52nd anniv.)		
Saturday	March 26	Lenten Weekday	Mass on pg. 101
9:00 a.m.	Geneva Roy (5th anniv.) by Carole, Daniel & Karen Watts		
		Vigil Mass	
4:00 p.m.	Thomas Tuttle (8th anniv.) by wife, Carol		
Sunday	March 27	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Mass on pg. 103
7:00 a.m.	Gladys Pedroza by the family		
9:45 a.m.	Valeri (21st anniv.) & Ken Page by Marie Bedard		
11:15 a.m.	Rose Tourigny (24th anniv.) by Lapierre & Hughes family		



Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

John Gallant, Linda Kinsey, Travis Reid, Kathy Scott and Riley Watts. Let us also keep *Deacon Ronald Aubuchon* in our prayers as he recuperates from eye surgery.

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.

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