



SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH

Baptism of Carla Kamayou



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

What a wonderful Fall we have in front of us! So many of you have signed up for the courses on *Saint Thérèse of Lisieux* and *The Holy Spirit in the Bible*! Then, as you will read in this bulletin, I'm offering my *Introduction to Western Liturgical Art* later this month.

Yesterday, after we celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin at the 9am Mass, Bob and Irene Conner shared some of their great work at First Concern during a reception in the Parish Center. Speaking of Pro-Life work, on Saturday, September 30th, I will be leading a Morning of Recollection at Saint Paul's Cathedral for all those good folks who work for life. The morning begins at 10:30am and will include Mass and a talk on "Preaching the Gospel of Life to a Confused World." You would be most welcome to attend!

I am also very grateful that Father Larry Brault, Deacon Stephen Mullaney and Maureen Capistran will be with us on the morning of September 16th for a charismatic healing service after the 9am Mass.

But the highpoint of the month will be the arrival of the Major Relics of Saint André Bessette on Sunday, September 24th, from 8:30am to 1:00pm. This great and humble saint is a model for us all. I have been praying for his intercession every day for the past two and a half years...and see all the wonderful things that have happened!

Speaking of wonderful things, I want to thank each and every one of you who have given a Memorial gift to the restoration of the interior of our beloved Church. We are off to a great start, with more than one hundred donations! The good news is that there are still plenty of opportunities for you to give in memory of a loved one, living or deceased! Each donation will be noted on a plaque located near to the Memorial.

Work on the gutters has begun and just as soon as it is completed, we will begin painting and plastering of the interior. In fact, even before that, we have begun work on restoring the stone floor in the sanctuary. Speaking of which, if anyone would like to contribute a Memorial gift towards the restoration of the floor, that would come in very handy sooner, rather than later (hint! hint!). Two floor samples are out for testing as I type to determine the precise type of stone (we think it is either *slate* or *blue stone*) and finalize the plan for it's restoration. Then just as soon as we have the funds on hand to restore it (hint! hint!) we will begin the work. I can't wait to see what it will look like!!!

In any case, it's a busy September at the little Church on French Hill, and it's all because of the prayers God hears from you, Brother André and our dear Saint Cecilia. God bless you all for your goodness!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





Baptism of
Carla Kamayou

First Communion of
Alex Gonzalez

Please pray for those who are ill, especially: *Gerard LeBlanc, Brian Garrity, Janet Coleman, Kathy Walker, Lucille DeRosa, Claire Beaudoin, Rita Brodeur, Pius Yun, Paulette Rancourt Catrona, Ebony Gosselin and Lynne Petrone.*
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.



Attention Ladies of St. Anne

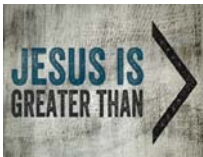
Our first meeting is Sunday, September 10 at 2:00pm in the parish hall. We will be reviewing our calendar for 2023-2024. There will be a raffle at the end of our meeting. If you are not current on dues, please bring your book. All members are encouraged to attend to show their support for our wonderful organization.

The Sympathies of the parish community are extended to the family and friends of **Raymond W. Houle and Robert E. Antil** whose Funeral Masses were held recently. Please remember them in your prayers.



Registrations for this year's **Religious Education Program** have been emailed via Flocknote. Classes will resume for Grades 2-6 on Sept. 17th; Grades 7-10 Sept. 18th; Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd Sept. 24th and for our Confirmation candidates you will need to attend additional sacramental classes besides the Monday evening classes. Your schedule with those dates will be mailed out later in September. If you have moved, are new to the parish or I mistakenly forgot to mail one out to you (sorry!) please reach out to me, Paula at 978-537-5596 or e-mailing me at pd@stceciliachurch.net.



Be a part of our team!

Want to make a difference in a child's life! Share your faith with them. We are looking for a fifth & sixth grade catechists to share their faith on Sunday mornings.

Last Weekend's Parish Collections totaled \$7,421. Thank You!



St. Cecilia Church

invites you
to a Morning of Healing

Saturday September 16, 2023

Holy Mass 9:00 am
followed by
Benediction
Healing Service
Confessions

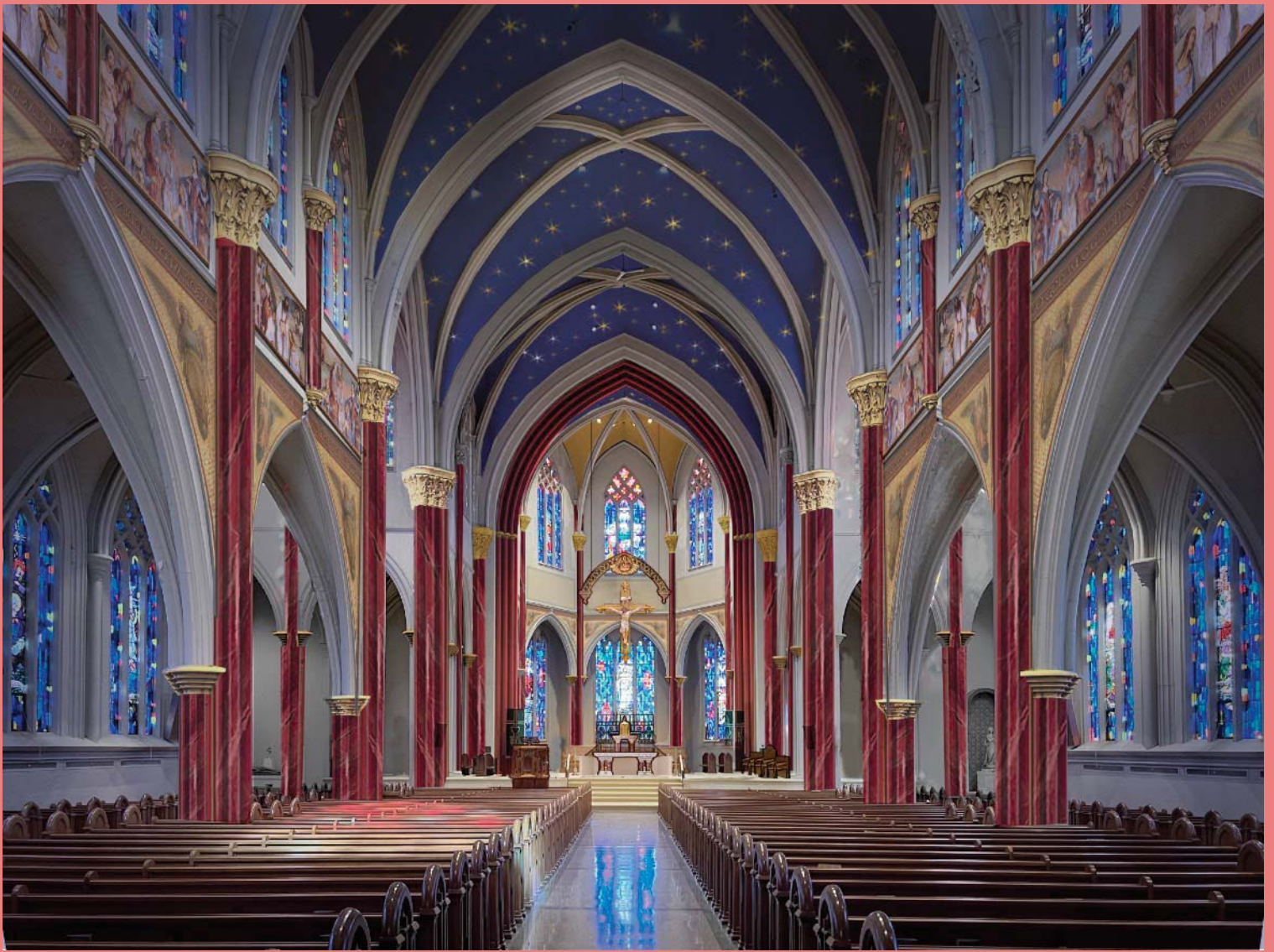
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SUPPORTING ANGELS	18 of 24 still available
COLUMNS AND CAPITOLS	11 of 24 still available
LIGHTING SYSTEM, FLOOR, AMBO	partial donations still available
LARGE MEMORIAL STARS	91 of 100 still available
MEDIUM MEMORIAL STARS	200 of 250 still available
SMALL MEMORIAL STARS	210 of 250 still available
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL	partial donations still
TESTER OVER MAIN ALTAR	available still available
BAPTISTRY AND DEVOTIONAL STATUES	partial donations still available



AN INTRODUCTION TO LITURGICAL ARTS

Join Monsignor Moroney for this ten part introduction to the history and practice of Roman Catholic usage of the visual arts and architecture in the Sacred Liturgy. An historical overview will lead to an examination of the Church's teaching and legislation as seen through the lens of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' guidelines: *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture and Worship*.

This course will be presented in four two-hour sessions on Saturday mornings.

Saturday, September 23 from 10am - noon

Foundational Iconography: Catacombs and the First Christian Art

Saturday, October 7 from 10am - noon

Giotto and his Sources: The Scrovegni Chapel

Saturday, October 14 from 9:30am - 11:30am

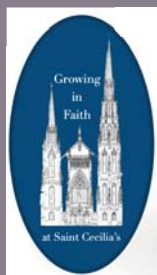
The Renaissance and the Catholic Imagination

Saturday, October 28 from 10am - noon

Church Architecture: Origins, and Modern Forms

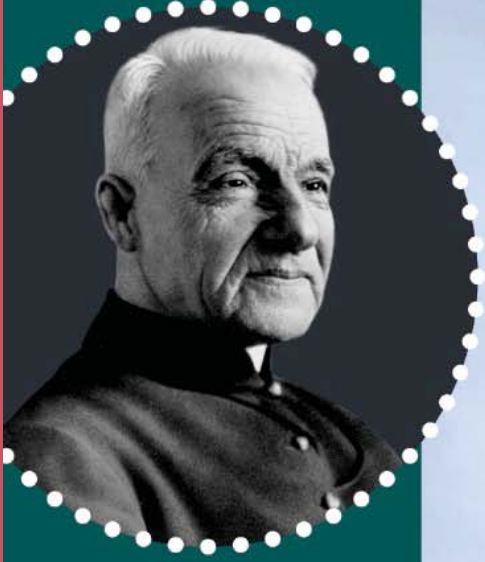


Monsignor James P. Moroney is pastor of Saint Cecilia Parish in Leominster. A priest for forty-three years, he has spoken to the presbyterates of every Diocese in the United States and is a popular author and liturgical design consultant. He has also served as Executive Director of the USCCB Secretariat for the Liturgy, as Seminary Rector and a consultant to the Holy See.



PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

TO SIGN UP FOR THIS COURSE, ONLINE OR IN PERSON, SEND AN EMAIL TO msgr@stceciliachurch.net.
A DONATION OF \$25 PER REGISTRATION IS SUGGESTED.



SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE COMING TO LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS, USA

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Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023

- ▶ **8:30 am** : Exposition of the Relic of St. André Bessette
- ▶ **8:40 am** : Talks on Saint Brother André
- ▶ **9:10 am** : Veneration of the Relic and Anointing with the Oil of St. Joseph
- ▶ **9:45 am** : Holy Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration
- ▶ **11:00 am** : Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament
- ▶ **11:15 am** : Solemn Holy Mass presided by Monsignor James Moroney
- ▶ **12:15 am** : Veneration of the Relic and Anointing with the Oil of St. Joseph

Lead by: Fr. Jomon Kalladanthiyil, CSC



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday September 9 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 196*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Roger Richard (15th anniv.), by his sister and family (Church)

Sunday September 10 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 196*

7:00am Mass for Constance Gariepy (3rd anniv.), by Wilfrid Gariepy (Church)
9:45am Mass for Rosaire and Alice Gaudet, by their family (Church)
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rector)
11:15am Mass for Leon Gallagher (18th anniv.), by his wife Jeanne (Church)
 2:00pm Ladies of St. Anne Meeting (Parish Center)

Monday September 11 Weekday

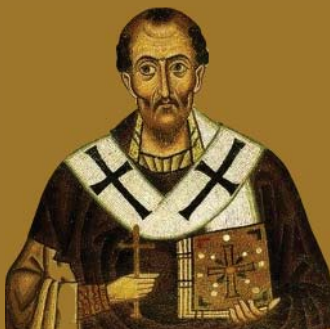
6:30am Mass for Lucille and Norman Clark, by the family (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:30-8:00pm Saint Therese of Lisieux Course (Rector)

Tuesday September 12 Weekday

6:30am Mass for Cameron Bernard (5th anniv.), by Memere and Pepere Bernard (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday September 13 Saint John Chrysostom

6:30am Mass for Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Anna Kietn Guyen (27th anniv.), by the family (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Thursday September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00am Mass for All Priests, by Susan Lamkin (Chapel)
 9:30am The Holy Spirit in the Bible Course (Rector)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Charles and Mildred Bilodeau, by last will (Chapel)
 6:00pm The Holy Spirit in the Bible Course (Rector)

Friday September 15 Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of the Plourde and Brow families, by last will (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass
 Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts 6:30pm

Saturday September 16 Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

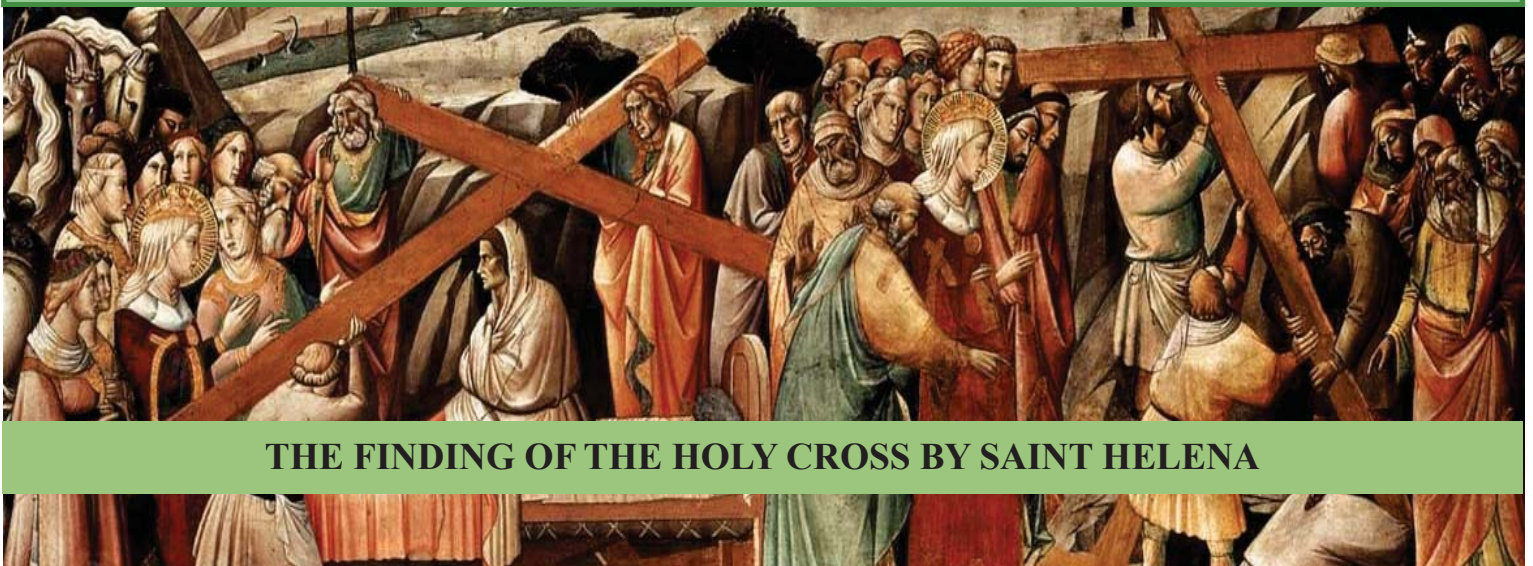
9:00am Mass for Denise Pagacik (5th anniv.), by Anne-Marie and Jean-Noel Bernard (Chapel)
 Morning of Healing following Mass Benediction, Healing Service, Confessions
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday September 16 Vigil *Breaking Bread*, page 198

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Adelard Richard (9th anniv.), by his wife and children (Church)

Sunday September 17 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread*, page 198

7:00am Mass for David Thomas, by a friend (Church)
9:45am Mass for Eric Scott Doucette (25th anniv.), by the family (Church)
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rector)
11:15am Mass for Romeo Pelletier (21st anniv.), by his wife and family (Church)



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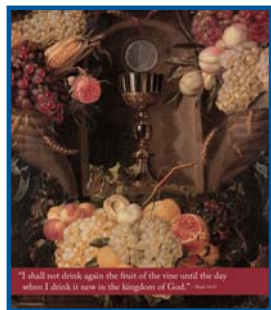
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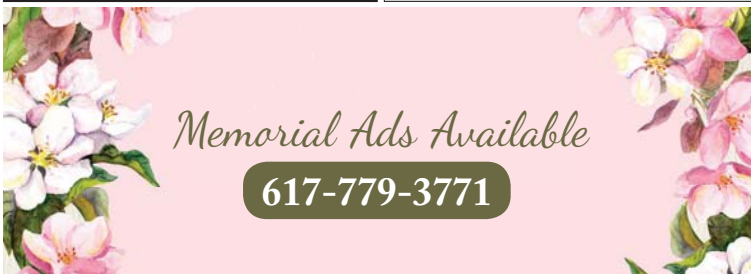


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