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JOIN US TO HONOR SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE NEXT SUNDAY!



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Going to Mass during the week is a wonderful way to grow closer to Christ and to foster his life within us. Toward this end, we (with your help) have built a new daily Mass chapel, expanded the number of weekday Masses from three to seven, introduced Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and three opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. In this same spirit, we decided to re-examine the weekday Mass schedule, beginning with a survey, which was completed by fifty nine folks at weekday Masses last week.

Overall, their preferred Mass time was 9am (51%), followed by 6:30am (39%) and 6pm (10%). An even stronger preference for the 9am Mass was expressed by those who indicated that they go to Mass every day (64%) and Parishioners (67%), with many of them writing that you would "go to Mass every day if there was a 9:00am." 49% of non-parishioners expressed a preference for the 6:30am, many indicating that their preference is dictated by their work schedules.

I have decided, therefore, to modify the weekday schedule in three ways, beginning on October 1, 2023. First, the 6:30am will be moved to 9:00am to provide the most convenient time for our parishioners to get to Mass. We will also be eliminating the 6:00pm on

Thursday, which usually attracts a very small number of people. Finally, we will also be adding a second day for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a fourth opportunity for confessions.

While I understand that, as with all schedules, some will be pleased and others will not, I thank you, in advance, for your patience. Most of all, I thank you for your full, conscious and actual participation in that Holy and Living sacrifice which is the source and summit of our lives.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney

NEW WEEKDAY SCHEDULE effective October 1, 2023

Monday 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 9:00am Mass

Wednesday 9:00am Mass

(followed by adoration)

6:00pm Mass

(followed by confessions)

Thursday 9:00am Mass

(followed by confessions)

Friday 9:00am Mass

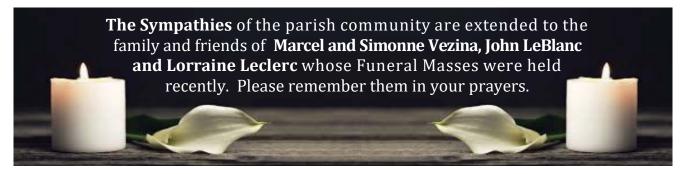
(followed by adoration)

Saturday 9:00am Mass

(followed by confessions)

Please pray for those who are ill, especially: John Daelhousen, 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.







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.

Last Weekend's Parish Collections totaled \$7,459.98. Thank You!



Next weekend's Second Collection will be for the Annual Catholic Schools Appeal. Please see Bishop McManus's letter in this bulletin. Consider setting items aside for our Christmas in Acadia Flea Market.



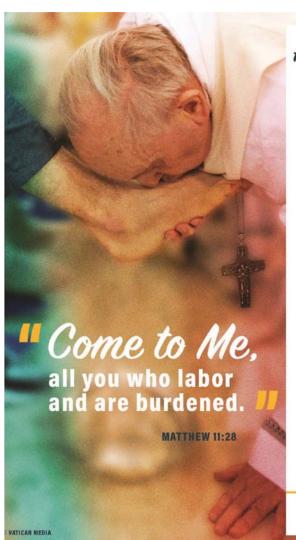
We will be happy to receive any holiday decorations, dishes, knickknacks, religious items, sports memorabilia, DVDs, toys, canning jars, jewelry, books (children's only), etc.

Please note, we cannot accept computers, monitors, televisions, electrical appliances, padded furniture, VHS tapes, cassettes, clothing or shoes. We are unable to take large furniture. If it doesn't fit in your car, please don't bring it.

Upcoming drop off times:
Saturday, Sept. 30th from 9:30am-12:30pm
Monday, Oct. 2nd from 5:00-7:00pm
Saturday, Oct. 7th from 9:30am-12:30pm
Monday, Oct. 9th from 5:00-7:00pm

All donations are to be dropped off at the parish center (use lower Third St. and Mechanic St. side door across from the church).

Mark your Calendars now, our Christmas in Acadia Fair 2023 will be held on November 10 & 11



A Prayer for Catechists

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oving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4TH

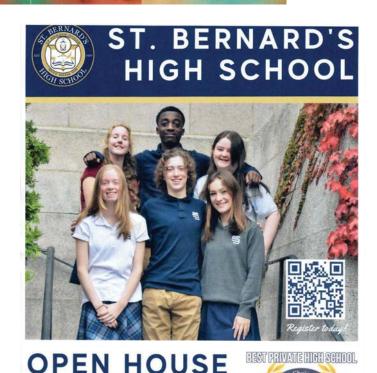
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AN INTRODUCTION TO LITURGICAL ARTS

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

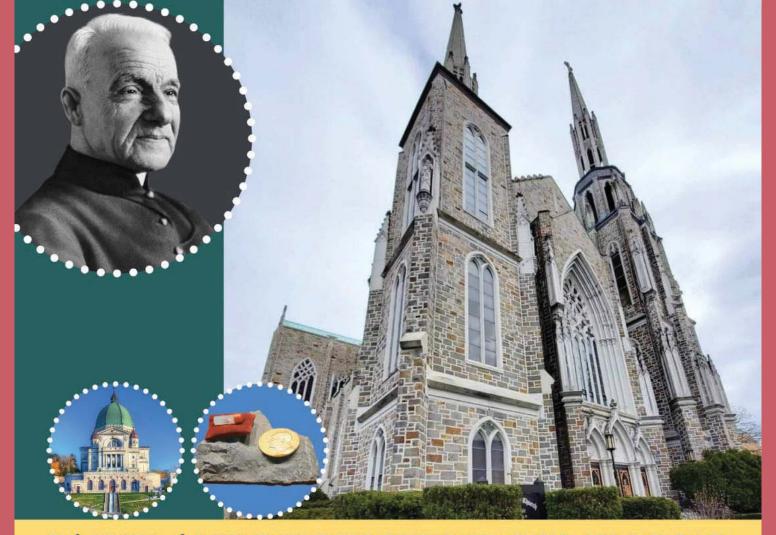
Church Architecture: Origins, and Modern Forms



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.



SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE COMING TO LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS, USA

St. Cecilia Church

180 Mechanic Street, Leominster, Massachusetts, United States Phone: +1 (978) 537-6541

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

A Morning for Life Saturday 30 September 2023





Cathedral Church of Saint Paul

Cenacle and Chapel (lower level)
38 High Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

9:15am Check-in and coffee

9:45am Welcome (Allison LeDoux)

10:00am Preaching the Gospel of Life to a Confused World, with Monsignor James P. Moroney

11am Quiet Prayer

11:30am Mass

Memorial of Saint Jerome

12:15pm Lunch

"Society today needs clear voices which propose our right to live, not in a jungle of self-destructive and arbitrary freedoms, but in a society which works for the true welfare of its citizens and offers them guidance and protection in the face of their weakness and fragility."

Pope Benedict XVI



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

My dear friends in Christ,

Why is support for Catholic schools part of the mission of every Catholic, not just that of parents with children in our schools? After all, this is not the late- 19th century or early-20th century America, a time when Catholic children of immigrant families faced many obstacles when entering public schools.

A simple sign hangs in every Catholic school: "Christ is the reason for this school." Let us not be fooled. To practice and pass on an authentic Catholic faith in the classroom is becoming increasingly necessary in our society. We are called to be instruments of evangelization in society by being witnesses to the love of God.

We often hear that many community and business leaders in Central Massachusetts are products of Catholic schools. Their alma maters did not boast the fanciest buildings, or the most expansive after-school programs, or even the flexibility to express one's individuality in daily attire. What they did offer and continue to offer to this day, is attention to the individual student, sound academic and social formation and, most importantly, being formed in the Catholic faith (or in Catholic values for those of other faiths) in order to learn what true success in life really means beyond how to make money.

Each year we remind ourselves that religion is not just one topic among others in Catholic schools. The relevance of our faith can be discussed in the context of every single topic taught in our classrooms, including science, math, history, literature and languages. Faith is also a guiding force in after-school programs, sports and the arts. The Catholic school student learns that to live the good life is to live a life filled with meaning, which is not the same as living a life focused on self-indulgence or self-importance.

We recognize how difficult it is for many parents to pay tuition while often paying taxes that support public schools, but they know they are investing in their child's future, both temporal and eternal. For many families, especially new immigrant families, increased access to financial aid is the only way they can consider a Catholic school. It takes everyone sharing in solidarity with our Catholic school families.

What more can you do? Talk to family and friends about the value of the Catholic school option in our communities. Support their decision to choose a Catholic school. And, never forget the power of prayer to support the work of our teachers, administrators and staff who are dedicated to the ministry of Catholic school education, a ministry which makes tangible the love of Jesus in the life of each student they encounter.

Thank you for considering prayerfully how support of Catholic schools, in whatever way you can, will help today's students become tomorrow's leaders in both society and the Church.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

+ Robert & Mc Manus

Bishop of Worcester



HOW TO INVITE PEOPLE TO CHURCH

Tell them what Mass means to you.

Invite them for a particular Sunday.

Sit with them and explain things to them.

Give them a ride or meet them in the parking lot.

Introduce them to potential new friends.

If you can, go to lunch with them afterwards.

Take any "no" as a "not right now."



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



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)

9:45-11:00am Religious Education Program Grades 2 through 6 (Parish Center)

10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectory)

11:15am Mass for Romeo Pelletier (21st anniv.), by his wife and family (Church)

Monday

September 18 Weekday

6:30am Mass for Romeo Poirier, by Lisa, Bruno and Sabrina Poirier (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

6:30-8:00pm Saint Therese of Lisieux Course (Rectory)

7:00-8:15pm Religious Education Program Grades 7 through 10

Tuesday

September 19 Weekday

6:30am Mass for Roger LeBlanc, by the family(Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday

September 20 Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Companions

6:30am Mass for Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

6:00pm Mass for Father Dennis J. Rocheford (14th anniv.) (Chapel)

6:30pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



September 21 Saint Matthew Thursday

9:00am Mass for R. Genevieve Graboski (11th anniv.), by her daughter, Jeanne and family (Chapel)

9:30am The Holy Spirit in the Bible Course (Parish Center)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

6:00pm Mass for Andrew Goguen (65th anniv.), by his daughters, Carol and Kim (Chapel)

6:00pm The Holy Spirit in the Bible Course (Rectory)

Friday September 22 Weekday

9:00am Mass for Father Robert M. Spellman (5th anniv.) (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 23 Saint Pius of Pietreicina

9:00am Mass for Father Peter J. Scanlon (8th anniv.) (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

10am-noon Introduction to Liturgical Arts (Rectory)

Saturday September 23 Vigil Breaking Bread, page 200

3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Phyllis Tisdale (1st anniv.), by her children, Maureen, Stephen and Brian (Church)

5:00pm Baptism of Dylan Patrick Griffin (Church)

Sunday September 24 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Breaking Bread, page 200

7:00am Mass for Lynne (Maxfield) Boyce, by Gladding aunt and cousins (Church)

8:30am-1:00pm Saint Andre Bessette Exposition of Relic, Talks, Veneration, Anoiting with Oil of Saint Joseph, Holy Mass, Adoration, Benediction (Church)

9:45am Mass for Robert Marcoux (9th anniv.), by his wife, Annie (Church)

9:45-11:00am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and other classes through Grade 6 (Parish Center)

10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectory)

11:15am Mass for Deceased members of the Lamoureux family, by Terry and Al (Church)

12:30pm Baptism of Gianna Isabella Pauyo (Chapel)

1:30pm Baptism of Kayden Aiyuk Achia



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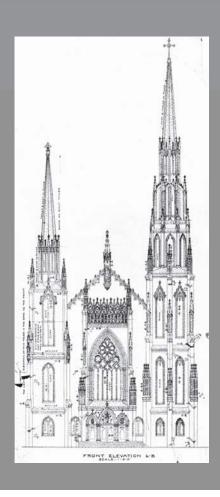
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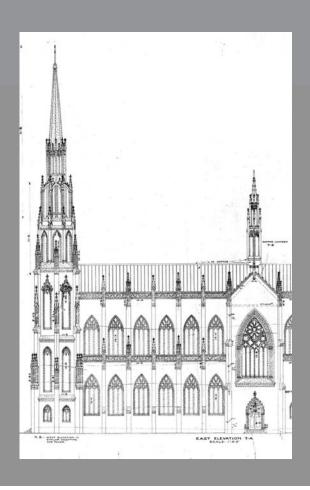


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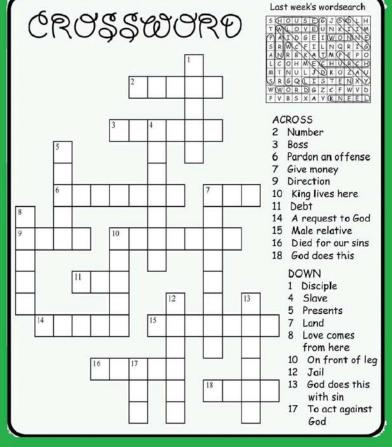




TRUE OR FALSE

- Peter asked Jesus if he should forgive one time.
- 2. Jesus said we should forgive 77 times.
- 3. The first servant asked his master to forgive what he owed.
- 4. The master did not forgive the servant.
- The first servant found another servant who owed him money to tell him he would forgive his debt.
- The master was very angry with the first servant because he did not show the same mercy to his fellow servant.

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