

SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH

# Saint Cecilia Parish

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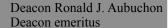
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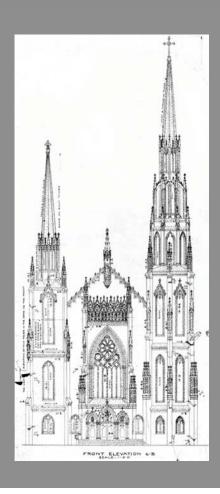
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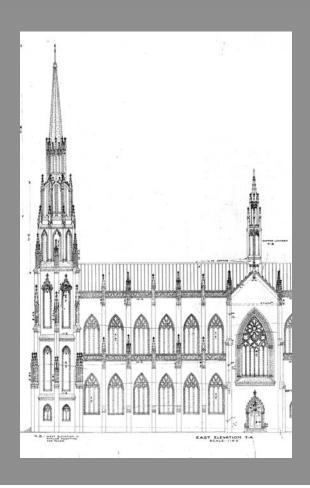


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# WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Have you begun to wear a fall coat or sweater yet? I'm surprised the leaves have not yet started to change, but I suppose that will have to follow the first frost, which the prognosticators are saying will arrive somewhere in November. Weather is just such a hard thing to predict these days!

But one thing which is not hard to predict is the expense of heating our three buildings, despite all the savings we have realized in the past few years with the introduction of the Chapel for weekday Masses, replacement of steam valves, smart thermostats, etc.

Nonetheless, with the average price of heating oil and gas tripling over the in the past two years, the arrival of the winter months puts a tremendous strain on our budget.

For the past two years, I have tried to address this challenge by writing to our most generous benefactors in the Fall and in the Spring, asking for a special contribution to the heat. This has helped enormously, but I wonder if I might ask for your help, as well, this year.

I am grateful that we have seen a considerable increase in the number of people contributing to the Sunday collection during the past two years. Especially at a time when most parishes are struggling to return to pre-pandemic levels, the number of people at our Masses is very encouraging. At the same time, it occurs to me that I have never asked you to increase your Sunday donation.

I am asking now, therefore, that you consider increasing your Sunday donation. I appreciate that for those of you on a fixed income, this may not be possible, but for others, it is possible without too much sacrifice. If you could increase your donation by ten or even twenty percent or more, it would go a long way to helping us to pay the oil and gas bills.

Thank you for considering this request. As you will see in the finance report which will be published in a few weeks, we have realized very considerable donations from benefactors, many of whom do not even live in the parish. These funds, however, are designated for the maintenance of the properties and other capitol needs. We depend on your weekly donations for the ordinary expenses the parish, most notably keeping the heat and the lights on in the winter months.

Grateful for all you do for our beloved Saint Cecilia's I remain, In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



# HELP US TO SAY THANK YOU

# TO THE CONNOR FAMILY

On Sunday Morning, October 15<sup>th</sup> following the 9:45am Mass you are invited to the Rectory for a Reception in honor of Deacon Bob, Irene, Reuben and James

#### PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

For many years, Deacon Bob Connor has performed the ministry of preparation and celebration of Baptism in our parish.

Now that Deacon Bob has concluded his ministry, Pat Secino will be overseeing preparation for Baptism, while Monsignor and Father Shaughnessy will celebrate Baptisms on the Second Sunday of every Month at 1pm.

If you know of someone who wishes to prepare for the Baptism of their child, please ask them to contact us by phone (978) 537-6541) or email (psecino@stceciliachurch.net).



Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Rhea Girouard, Robert Doiron, Stephanie Matthews, Helen St. Germaine, Gerard LeBlanc, Brian Garrity, Janet Coleman and Kathy Walker. 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.





To the family and friends of *Richard A. Maynard, Jr.*whose Funeral Mass was held recently.
Please remember him in your prayers.

#### **BLESSING OF ANIMALS**



YOU AND YOUR PETS
(goldfish, hamsters, cats, dogs, etc.)
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS
IN HONOR OF
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
IN THE PARK NEXT TO THE RECTORY
THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 12:15PM



America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Carter Park on Main St., Leominster (across from St. Leo's Church) on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon (if inclement weather will be in St. Leo's Church).

Let us join in, as across America the rosary will be prayed at that time frame.

We are praying for all that is happening in our nation and more.

Please feel free to bring chairs if needed. For more information, please call Laura Casey at 508-331-5888.

October 7th is the feast of the Most Holy Rosary and so

#### OCTOBER IS MARY'S MONTH

and we invite you to pray the Rosary with us!



Monday through Friday at 3pm
Wednesday night at 7pm (following confessions)
3:30pm on Saturdays (before the 4pm Mass)
6:30am on Sundays (before the 7am Mass)

Anyone who would like to say a decade is always welcome!

#### Ladies of St Anne Meeting Sunday, October 8th at 2pm in the Parish Center Lower Hall.

This is our last meeting of 2023 please join us.

Monsignor Moroney will be doing a live cooking demonstration of the four basic types of Roman pastas.

We will be selling tickets for the Fund raiser "Scratch ticket bouquet".

Please bring a gift for the Ladies of St Anne Booth for the Christmas in Acadia Fair Nov. 10 and 11. We will have a brief discussion about this year's Christmas party Dec. 3.

There will be refreshments and a small raffle. If your dues are not current bring your book.

All members are encouraged to attend to show their support for our wonderful organization.



# 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.

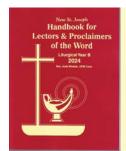
Please note, we cannot accept computers, monitors, televisions, electrical appliances, padded furniture, VHS tapes, cassettes, clothing or shoes. We are unable to take large furniture. If it doesn't fit in your car, please don't bring it.

#### Upcoming drop off time: Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 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).

# Shepherding to the Source and Summit: The Catechist and the Eucharistic Revival.

Monsignor Moroney will be leading a morning of reflection for all those called to share the faith with others on **Saturday, Oct. 21** at St. Cecilia Parish. The morning will begin with Mass at 9am. His presentation will begin at 10am followed by discussion and adjourning at 11:30am. To register please go to <a href="steeciliachurch.net/religious-education">steeciliachurch.net/religious-education</a> (details at the bottom of web page) or contact Paula Doucet at 978-537-5596.



#### **Attention Lectors**

Your New Handbooks are now available for pickup in the Sacristy.

Last Weekend's Parish Collections totaled \$6,994.99. Thank You!



# Christmas In Acadia "2023" at St. Cecilia's

## Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11

#### ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

We know you receive many appeals from many worthy groups. Why is this one different?



The funds raised for this Fair go directly to the support of **your Parish**. One of the Christmas in Acadia Fair's primary

sources of support is the voluntary booth sponsorship. You can help this meaningful Parish function with a \$100 donation which is tax deductible and is important to our success. In return we will prominently display a sign with your Company name or a private name as a booth sponsor. Whether your business is small or large all businesses are welcome to help in this worthwhile fundraiser. Can we please count on you? For more information, contact BettyAnn at the Rectory 978-537-6541.

Due to the generosity of so many parishioners, year after year, we are blessed to keep our Fair "Christmas in Acadia" expenses to a minimum. Are you looking to make a donation this year? Here are a few suggestions for you...



**Silent Auction Booth** - Un-used gift cards, art work, get-a-way weekend, and sports jerseys, jackets or memorabilia.

**Teen Area ---** could use new items such as electronics, music, clothing, games, accessories, jewelry, gift cards, etc...

**Theme Baskets** - Ideas: Pamper Mom (Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, a CD of meditative music, gift card to a local salon), Baby Love (Diapers, diaper bag, onesies, burp cloths, infant toys, board books, teething rings, baby socks, bibs), Fun with Science (science games, experiment kits, science puzzles, glow-in-the-dark ceiling stickers, goggles, a child-sized lab coat).



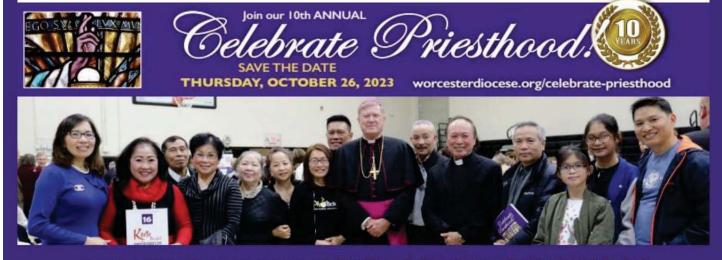
**Handmade With Love Booth -** We are in need of handmade articles such as afghans, mittens, ornaments, stocking-stuffers, small handmade crafts, etc.

Acadian Auction And Pot Luck - We are accepting any new gifts, small and large, as well as monetary donations. A few suggestions may be gift cards, small kitchen appliances, children's toys, tools, etc...

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Your donations are gratefully appreciated and may be dropped off at the rectory during office hours. If you would like your item donated to a specific booth, please label accordingly. Thanks!!

Christmas In Acadia - Service Availability Form - Many Hands Make Light Work
Yes, I am willing to offer one or more hours of service to my parish.
Name (s):
Telephone Number:
A Good Time To Call Me:
I Prefer To Work: I Have No Preference:
(Booth/Area)
Availability: (check ALL that apply and return this form to the Rectory or in the collection basket)
Hall & Booth Set Up Decorating Booths
Booth Area during Fair: Fri., 11/10 Sat., 11/11,
Anytime You Need Me/Us Poutines and Râpée, during the week of the Fair
Kitchen, during the week of the Fair
Attention National Honor Society Students our Christmas In Acadia Fair is in need of volunteers!!! This would be a GREAT opportunity to fulfill your Community Service hours. Contact BettyAnn via email at bettyann.stc@verizon.net or call the rectory 978-537-6541.



2023 CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD AT SAINT PAUL DIOCESAN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

For the past nine years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. Our retired priests have served our parishes and parishioners for decades until they were at least 75. Some served as pastors well into their eighties before retiring. Many of our retired priests regularly fill in on weekends, cover vacations and serve in prison ministry. We appreciate their efforts and regard all our retired priests with great esteem, respect and affection. Your generous support is greatly appreciated as the proceeds help us care for our retired priests with dignity. Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School in the Gymnasium. To make a donation in memory of a deceased priest or in honor of a priest who still is serving, buy ticket(s) for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information, visit worcesterdiocese.org or call 508-929-4366.

# **CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS**

There are 78 shopping days until Christmas!
Wouldn't you like to order that perfect gift for someone AND help our beloved Church!
Here's some ideas for Christmas (or anytime) giving to someone else or you!

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**CHRISTMAS MANGER** 

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# THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday

October 7

Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Rita Plourde (8<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by her daughters Wendy and Kim (Church)

Sunday

October 8

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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7:00am Mass for Octave Cormier, by his wife Kathleen (Church)

9:45am Mass for Francis Bissonnette (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.), by his wife and family (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 William "Bill" McDonald (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by his father and family (Church)

12:15pm Blessing of Animals (Park next to the Rectory)

2:00pm Ladies of St. Anne Meeting (Parish Center)

Monday

October 9

Weekday

9:00am Mass for Dennis and Jimmy Fixx, by Susan Lamkin (Chapel)

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

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

Tuesday

October 10

Weekday

**9:00am Mass** for Lorraine Hamel (36<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by the Hamel family (Chapel)

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

Wednesday

October 11

Weekday

9:00am Mass for Lawrence Katon, by Susan Lamkin (Chapel)

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

6:00pm Mass for Carl A. Baker, Jr. (3rd anniv.), by the family (Chapel)

6:30pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



Thursday October 12 Weekday

**9:00am Mass** for All Deacons, by Susan Lamkin (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

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

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

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

Friday October 13 Weekday

9:00am Mass for Jeannette Brow, 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 October 14 Weekday

9:00am Mass for Father Robert E. Gariepy, by last will (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

10:00am-noon Introduction to Liturgical Arts course with Monsignor Moroney (Rectory)

12:00pm Rosary at Carter Park

October 14 Vigil Saturday

October 15

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)

Sunday

4:00pm Mass for Howard Barnaby (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.), by John and Kathy Daelhousen (Church)

7:00am Mass for Perry Yun (9<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by the family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Ernest Savoie, by Doris and James Small (Church)

Following the 9:45 Mass a Thank You to the Connor Family all are invited (Rectory)

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:15am Mass for Alfreda Maldari, by John and Linda Sheehan (Church)

1:30pm Bingo Banquet (Parish Center)



#### LORD'S DAY MASS FINDER

LEOMINSTER (UPDATED 5 OCTOBER, 2023)

#### Saturday

4:00pm - Saint Cecilia, Holy Family, Saint Leo, Saint Anna

5:00pm - Our Lady of the Lake

6:30pm - Holy Trinity Chapel (Spanish)

#### **Sunday**

7:00am - Saint Cecilia

7:30am - Saint Leo

8:00am - Holy Family, Saint Anna, Our Lady of the Lake

9:45am - Saint Cecilia

10:00am - Saint Anna

10:15am - Holy Family

10:30am - Our Lady of the Lake

11:00am - Saint Leo

11:15am - Saint Cecilia

12:00pm - Saint Anna

1:00pm - Holy Family (Spanish)

5:30pm - Holy Family

6:00pm - Our Lady of the Lake

6:30pm - Saint Anna (Brazilian)

#### **CONFESSION FINDER**

#### **Tuesday**

8:30am - Saint Anna

#### Wednesday

6:30pm - Saint Cecilia

#### **Thursday**

9:30am - Saint Cecilia

#### Friday

7:00pm - Our Lady of Lake

#### **Saturday**

9:30am - Saint Cecilia

10:00am - Holy Family

2:30pm - Saint Leo

2:45pm - Saint Anna

3:00pm - Saint Cecilia

4:00pm - Our Lady of Lake

#### WEEKDAY MASS FINDER

LEOMINSTER

#### Monday

7:30am - Saint Anna

8:00am - Our Lady of the Lake

8:30am - Saint Leo

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

#### **Tuesday**

7:30am - Saint Anna

8:00am - Our Lady of the Lake

7:15pm - Saint Anna (Brazilian)

8:30am - Saint Leo

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

#### Wednesday

7:30am - Saint Anna

8:00am - Our Lady of the Lake

8:00am - Holy Family

6:20pm - Holy Family

8:30am - Saint Leo

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

6:00pm - Saint Cecilia

6:20pm - Holy Family

#### Thursday

7:30am - Saint Anna

8:00am - Holy Family

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

#### Friday

8:00am - Holy Family

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

#### **Saturday**

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

#### **ADORATION FINDER**

Tuesday Wednesday

8am-10am Saint Anna 9:30am-noon - Saint Cecilia

#### Friday

8:30am-9am - Holy Family

9:30am-noon - Saint Cecilia



# Can you choose the correct endings?

- Isaiah sang of a vineyard on a:

   (a) rich plain (b) fertile hillside (c) wide sea coast?
- 2. Dismiss all anxiety from your:
  (a) minds (b) meetings (c) prayers?
- 3. God's own peace will stand guard over your:
  (a) families (b) homes (c) hearts and minds?
- 4. The property owner leased his vineyard to tenant farmers and:
  - (a) retired (b) went on a journey (c) died a little while later?
- 5. The stone which the builders rejected has become:
  - (a) the keystone (b) useful elsewhere
  - (c) part of another building?

**ANSWERS** 

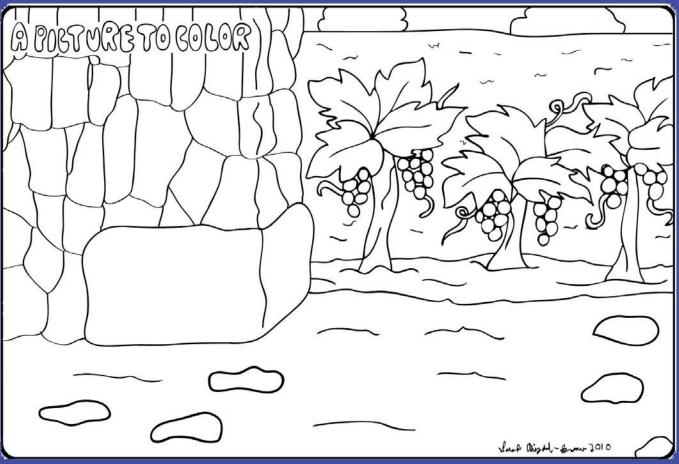
The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(a); 3(c); 4(b); 5(a)

# WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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