

SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND!



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last weekend, we were all sad to bid farewell to the Connor family, and particularly to Deacon Bob Connor. He will be with us at Masses this weekend for the last time.

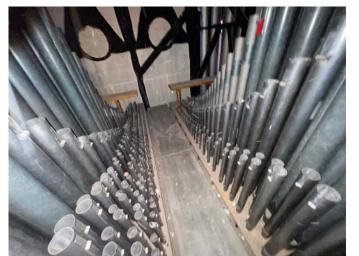
Many of you have asked whether we will be getting a new Deacon in the near future. As I am sure you appreciate, the pastoral staff of each parish is one of the most important decisions the Bishop makes. For this reason, I will be consulting closely with Bishop McManus in the coming weeks and months and will eventually share his decision with you.

In the meantime, join me in praying that we get a new deacon(s) half as good as the one we have been blessed with up to now!

A couple weeks ago, we were grateful for a visit from the good folks at Casavant Organ Builders in Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec. As you know, Casavant Organ Builders, founded in 1860, completed our organ (opus 1477) in 1933. Its' 4,412 pipes proclaim the glory of God in such a wonderful way, especially at the command of our own resident maestro, David Lasky!

This is the first time in recent memory that Casavant Organ, in the person of expert craftsmen Dany Wiseman and Alain Couture, have done a thorough study of the condition of our instrument.

While they were here, they shared with me a note from their archives in which was recorded a visit by Father Chicoine on 9 June 1932 to their factory in Saint Hyacinthe. The pastor of Saint Cecilia's



reported that "the construction of his new church is progressing quite well, and that he believes that next September will be a good time to send someone to take measurements, in order to submit a proposal to him for an organ."

In the coming weeks, I will share with you more of what we have discovered from those early archives as we await a report on ways to continue to preserve this great instrument, which this year celebrates its ninetieth birthday!

Finally a brief note on receiving Holy Communion at Mass. When Christ calls us together to celebrate the Eucharist, we do so not just as individuals, but as his holy people, a royal priesthood by virtue of our Baptism.

In order to express and foster the unity of our gathered liturgical assembly, we worship with common rites, prayer and even postures, which express and foster "the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered for the sacred Liturgy" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 42). For this reason, the law of the Church assigns to the Bishops' Conference of each country the determination of when we are to sit, stand or kneel.

The Bishops of the United States have determined that the norm for the posture for receiving Holy Communion is standing, "unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling" (GIRM, no. 160).

Similarly, the choice to receive Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue is up to each individual communicant.

In order to assist those who wish to receive Holy Communion kneeling, we have moved two sections of the short railings closer to the center aisle, where Holy Communion is regularly distributed. While the norm for receiving Holy Communion remains a standing posture, anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion kneeling may either kneel in the aisle or use one these railings.

I pray you will enjoy the changing leaves and beautiful Fall weather this week. I am reminded of an old favorite poem. *Autumn*, by Emily Dickenson:

The morns are meeker than they were, The nuts are getting brown; The berry's cheek is plumper, The rose is out of town. The maple wears a gayer scarf, The field a scarlet gown. Lest I should be old-fashioned, I'll put a trinket on.

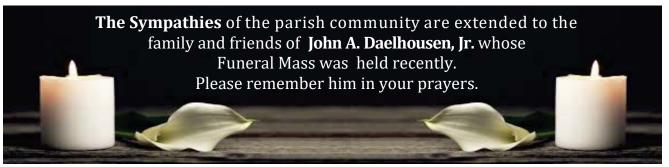
In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Linda Kinsey, Jill Bolduc, Rhea Girouard, Robert Doiron, Stephanie Matthews, Helen St. Germaine, Gerard LeBlanc and Brian Garrity. 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.

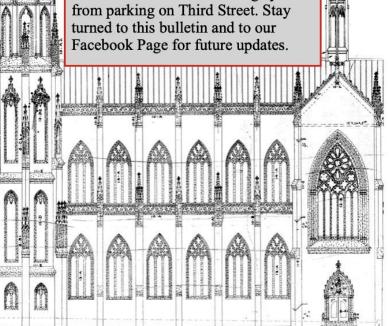




CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY!!

Due to the gutter repairs, which are scheduled (FINALLY!) to begin on Monday, October 23rd, the Third Street doors to the Church and to the Chapel may not be used to enter or exit the building, except in case of emergency. Please use the front or rectory side doors to enter the Church.

Also, a number of parking space along the back of the Church will be blocked off and we discourage you



Once again the St. Cecilia Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is organizing our annual parish Giving Tree. If you are a parishioner who needs help making Christmas a little merrier for your family please call 978-962-1259 and a volunteer will assist with your request. Deadline for requests is Monday. November 21st. Tags from The Guild of St. Agnes for pre-school children as well as tags for the Diocesan seminarians will also be on our parish tree.

St. Vincent de Paul donations are greatly needed. You will find donation boxes at each entrance to the church. Due to last month's storm, with all the flooding damage, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Cecilia Parish has received a record number of calls for help. With your donations we are able to provide food, emergency shelter, rental assistance, gas money, heating expenses, and aid in avoiding utility shut-off as well as several other services to individuals and families with children in our area. Sincere thanks go to our generous and largely anonymous benefactors for helping us to help others. "For it is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi



Christmas In Acadia "2023" at St. Cecilia's Friday, Nov. 10 from 5-8pm and Saturday, Nov. 11 from 12-6pm



New Christmas in Acadia Lawn Signs are available for pick up on the rectory back porch. Please consider taking one home with you today to put on your property.

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...

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):
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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.

AN INTRODUCTION TO LITURGICAL ARTS Join Monsignor Moroney for this ongoing series of reflections on the history and practice of Roman Catholic visual arts and architecture. Here are the next three lectures in this series. Saturday, October 28th from 10am - noon Liturgical Art of the Renaissance Saturday, November 11th from 10am - noon Modern Liturgical Art

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Saturday, November 25th from 9:30am - 11:30am

The Birth of Christ in Liturgical Art

TO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THESE LECTURES LIVE OR BY ZOOM, EMAIL msgr@stceciliachurch.net.

All Saints Day (A Holy Day of Obligation) - November 1, 2023

A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, Oct. 31st at 4PM and on Wednesday, Nov. 1st at 9AM and 6PM.

All Souls' Day - November 2, 2023

A Mass to Commemorate all of our Faithful Departed will be celebrated at St. Cecilia's Cemetery on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 9AM. Rain or shine. The Thursday morning Mass will be held at the cemetery instead of the chapel.

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 are some ideas for Christmas (or anytime) giving to someone else or you!

SAINT CECILIA PUZZLES

17" x 12" puzzle with 315 pieces IN FOUR DESIGNS



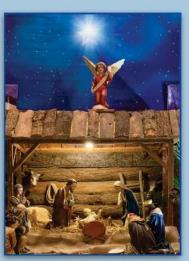
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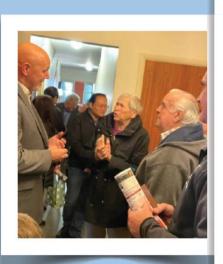
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this week at Saint Cecilia's



















Praying for Peace in the Holy Land

The Synod General Assembly recently prayed the following prayer for peace in the Holy Land. We provide you with the text, in the hopes that you will include it among your own private prayers.

O God, who cares for all, let the whole of humanity who have one origin in you, form one family, without violence.

Banish the absurdity of war and foster in the hearts of all peoples, especially in the Holy Land, a spirit of peace and concord.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. Amen.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday

October 21

Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Zachary Constant, by Joyce and Paul Latuga (Church)

Sunday

October 22

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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7:00am Mass for Paul Tessier, by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Provo (Church)

9:45am Mass for Octave Cormier and Kenneth St. Jacques, by Kathleen (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 Patrick Ledden, by Patrick and Cheryl Ledden (Church)

Monday

October 23

Weekday

9:00am Mass for Paul J. Roy, by the Bunko Squad (Chapel)

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

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

7:00-8:15pm Religious Education Classes for Grades 7 through 10 (Parish Center)

Tuesday

October 24

Weekday

9:00am Mass for Conversion and Salvation of Sinners, by Susan Lamkin (Chapel)

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

Wednesday

October 25

Weekday

9:00am Mass for Alfred Frechette, by the family (Chapel)

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

6:00pm Mass for Cathleen Ofenloch Gensinger, by the Connor family (Chapel)

6:30pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



Thursday

October 26

Weekday

9:00am Mass for Nancy Boivin, by her daughter 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 27

Weekday

9:00am Mass for Adelard Allain (18th anniv.), by his wife Mariette (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 28

Weekday

9:00am Mass for Charles and Mildred Bilodeau, by last will (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

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

Saturday

October 28

Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Georgina Daigle (21st anniv.), by the family (Church)

Sunday

October 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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7:00am Mass for Romeo Poirier, by Josie Poirier (Church)

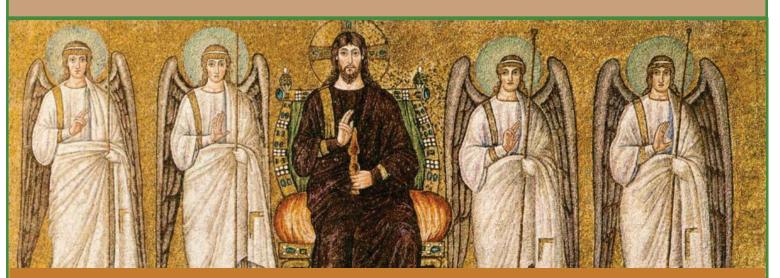
9:45am Mass for Claire Richard (1st anniv.), by the family (Church)

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 Gerard Guilmette (1st anniv.), by Al and Claudette Guilmette (Church)

12:30pm Baptism of Cooper Daniel Cormier (Church



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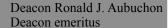
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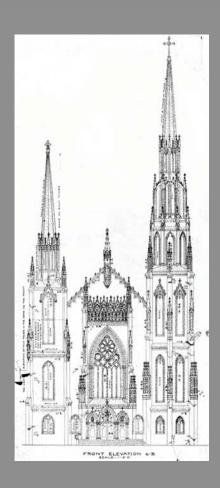
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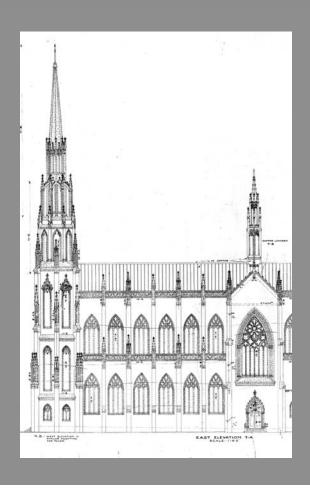


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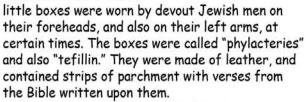


FAITH FACTS

Pharisees and Phylacteries

The "Picture to Finish" depicts Jesus showing a coin to the Pharisees.

The Pharisees have little boxes strapped to their foreheads. These



The verses were: verses 4-9 of Deuteronomy, Chapter 6; verses 13-21 of Deuteronomy, Chapter 11; and verses 1-16 of Exodus, Chapter 13.

CODE -BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: P = G, and N = E.

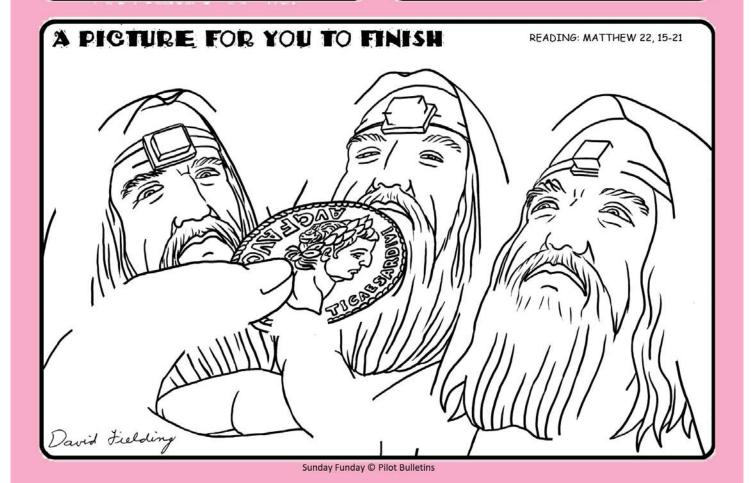
Crossword solution from last week



PREN CX LJNBJA FQJC
RB LJNBJA'B KDC PREN
CX PXM FQJC RB PXM'B.

ANSWER

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's.





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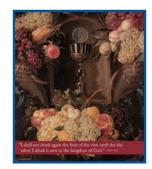
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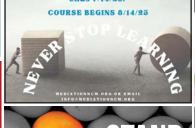


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