



SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH

Saying Grace, by Norman Rockwell

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WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you, to all who made Christmas in Acadia such an historic success! While we are still calculating our profit, we collected close to \$50,000 over the two days of the fair. All thanks to the folks in the Poutine Kitchen, who produced more than 2,500 poutines and innumerable trays of rapee! And then there were the crowds marveling at all the merchandise in a Flea Market the size of Macy's! Not to mention the 2,400 meatballs and other delicious foods from the American Kitchen. And then there were the various games and raffles and....**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE!**



A special thanks to our priceless Executive Assistant, Bettyann Harrington, who was the glue which held it all together. Here she is with her brother Vince, whom we were proud to count among our many volunteers.

As we catch our breath, we celebrate our patronal solemnity of Saint Cecilia, at the conclusion of our Novena on Wednesday night, with Bishop McManus. Please join us for this special Mass at 6:00pm.



The next day is Thanksgiving, with Mass at 9:00am, and then we prepare for the Christ the King next weekend, with just a month to Christmas! So much coming up so soon, but please take a quiet moment to say a prayer of thanks for God's blessings and the dear folks through whom he works such miracles!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney







OPENING SONG

1. Praise Cecilia, humble virgin,
on her feast we gladly sing.
Praise her holiness and virtue
eager hearts and voices bring.
With her let us sing the glory
known to those who faith sustains
souls unsullied by contagion
hearts where purity remains.

2. Praise Cecilia, pure and lowly,
singing at her wedding feast
to the Lord, her true beloved,
Christ the victim, Christ the Priest.
See her spouse, with fury blinded,
threatening her whom he had wed,
'Til an angel leads him onward
to the One raised from the dead.

3. Praise Valerian, from the waters
of the font did he arise,
as the angel showed Cecilia
crowned with roses from on high.
Sainted spouse now crowned with glory,
martyred for the faith he held,
though his earthly life was taken,
Christ eternal in him dwelled.

4. Praise Cecilia, for her courage
as they tried her to behead.
Though the sword did cruelly strike her
thrice she neither died nor bled.
Only when three days had ended
did she join her Risen Lord
with celestial choirs of angels
where they sing with one accord.

5. Dear Cecilia, blessed patron,
hear our song upon your feast.
Pray that we might share your courage
following Christ, our great High Priest.
May our voices join the angels
in the choirs of heaven above
praising him, our Lord and Savior
singing with the Saints in love.

NOVENA TO SAINT CECILIA

Please join us in praying this prayer every day
from November 14th through November 22nd



LITANY

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God our Father in heaven
God the Son, Redeemer of the world
God the Holy Spirit
Holy Trinity, one God

Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.

St. Cecilia
Chaste and holy virgin
Singer of holy canticles
Apostle of purity and virtue
Apostle of zeal
Apostle of charity
Aflame with divine love
Illustrious martyr of Christ
Accompanied by an angel
Protected from the sword
Consolation of the afflicted,
Patron of musicians
Inspiration of composers

Pray for us.
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You gave voice to the celestial harmonies Pray for us.
You taught us to sing God's praises Pray for us.
By your example you converted your spouse Pray for us.
You won for him the crown of martyrdom Pray for us.
You moved the hearts of pagans Pray for us.
You shared in the Savior's Passion Pray for us.
After three days you shared in his glory Pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace.

NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT CECILIA

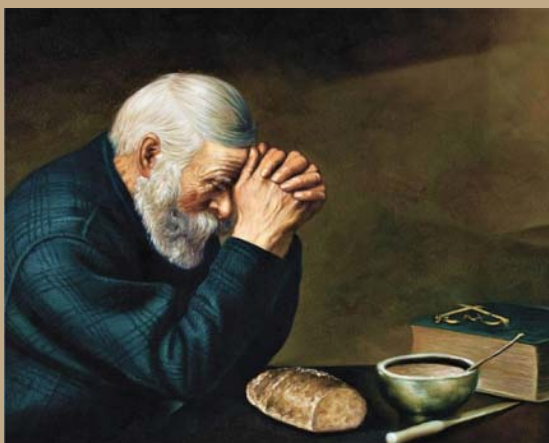
O God, who gladden us each year
with the feast day of your handmaid, Saint Cecilia,
grant, we pray,
that we might imitate her example of purity and faith
and sing your praises in all that we say and do.
Hear our petitions (**pause in silence**).
May the Blessed Cecilia bring them before your throne
where all the saints and angels sing your praises,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

SAINT CECILIA NOVENA 2023

IN THE MAIN CHURCH

Tuesday, November 14th at 6pm	NOVENA PRAYERS
Wednesday, November 15th at 6pm	MASS WITH NOVENA PRAYERS
Thursday, November 16th at 6pm	NOVENA PRAYERS
Friday, November 17th at 6pm	NOVENA PRAYERS
Saturday, November 18th at 4pm	MASS WITH NOVENA PRAYERS
Sunday, November 19th at 9:45am	MASS WITH NOVENA PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE PROCESSION WITH THE STATUE OF SAINT CECILIA
Monday, November 20th at 6pm	NOVENA PRAYERS
Tuesday, November 21st at 6pm	NOVENA PRAYERS
Wednesday, November 22nd	PONTIFICAL MASS WITH BISHOP MCMANUS





PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for Francis Wada, Judith Arnold , Elaine Nasal, Yvonne Champagne, Linda Kinsey, Jill Bolduc and Rhea Girouard.

Pray for all who live in the Holy land, that God might bring peace to that troubled land.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently: Lawrence A. Vaillette and Roger Nault. Pray for their families, as well, that they may be consoled by the promises of Christ.

If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email us at office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.

The Giving Tree

Helping Those
in Need



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.

**Last Weekend's
Parish Collections
totaled
\$7,227!**

thank you!





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**The Ladies of Saint Anne will hold their
annual Christmas party on Thursday, December
3rd. Tickets for members are \$18 and for non-members
\$20. If you are interested in attending, please call
Anne-Marie at 978-534-3659.**



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Duncan YoYo Blue Drawing – Donna Doiron
Duncan YoYo Yello Drawing – Lily Austin
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Mancala – Janet Baron
SkyViper Nano Drone – Miles Mulligan
Official Kickball – Audrey Griffin
Patriots Football – Paul Leonard
Wilson Soccer Ball – Ethan Thebeau
DSG Basketball – Alice Holland
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Patriots Tshirt – Sarah Everett
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\$100 Scratch Tickets Tree

Carl Robenson

50/50 winners

Friday for \$121 - Lisa Contreras
Saturday for \$157.50 - Mary Hanlon

Ladies of St. Anne 39 Baskets

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday November 18 Vigil *Breaking Bread*, page 219

3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Dr. Richard Secino (5th anniversary), by his wife.

Sunday November 19 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary *Breaking Bread*, page 219

7:00am Mass for Paul Hamel (13th anniversary), by his family. (Church)

9:45am Mass for Lester and Alice Gaudet, by their daughters.

with Novena to Saint Cecilia (day six) (Church)

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

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

11:15am Mass for Lorette E. McDonald (20th anniversary), by her husband and family. (Church)

12:30pm Baptism of Anne Marie Catherine Marabello.

Monday November 20 Weekday

9:00am Mass for Geraldine Aubuchon, by Paul. (Chapel)

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

7:00-8:15pm - Religious Education, grades seven through ten (Parish Center)

6:00pm Novena to Saint Cecilia (day seven) (Church)

Tuesday November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Mass for Jeannette and Theodore Cormier, by the family. (Chapel)

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

6:00pm Novena to Saint Cecilia (day eight) (Church)

Wednesday November 22 Patronal Solemnity of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

9:00am Mass for Marie Richard (1st anniversary), by her sons. (Chapel)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass

Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

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

6:00pm Mass for Judi Renda (2nd anniversary), by the family.

Patronal Pontifical with Bishop Robert J. McManus (Church)

6:30pm NO CONFESSIONS THIS EVENING

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



Thursday November 23 Thanksgiving Day *Breaking Bread, page 221*

9:00am Mass for the Aubuchon Family, by the family. (Chapel)

9:30am. Confessions

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

Friday November 24 Saint Andrew Dung Lac and Companions

9:00am Mass for Dr. Richard Secino, by his wife, Pat. (Chapel)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass

Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

1:00pm Mass with Residents of the Manor on the Hill.

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

Saturday November 25 Weekday

9:00am Mass for Paul Roy, by Jeannette and Lesley. (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday November 25 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 222*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Rita and Anthony Poirier, by Yvette.

Sunday November 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe *Breaking Bread, page 222*

7:00am Mass for Richard Gladding (4th anniversary), by Cecile and Larry Gladding. (Church)

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

9:45am Mass for Zachary Constant (11th anniversary), by his parents, Denis and Janice Constant.

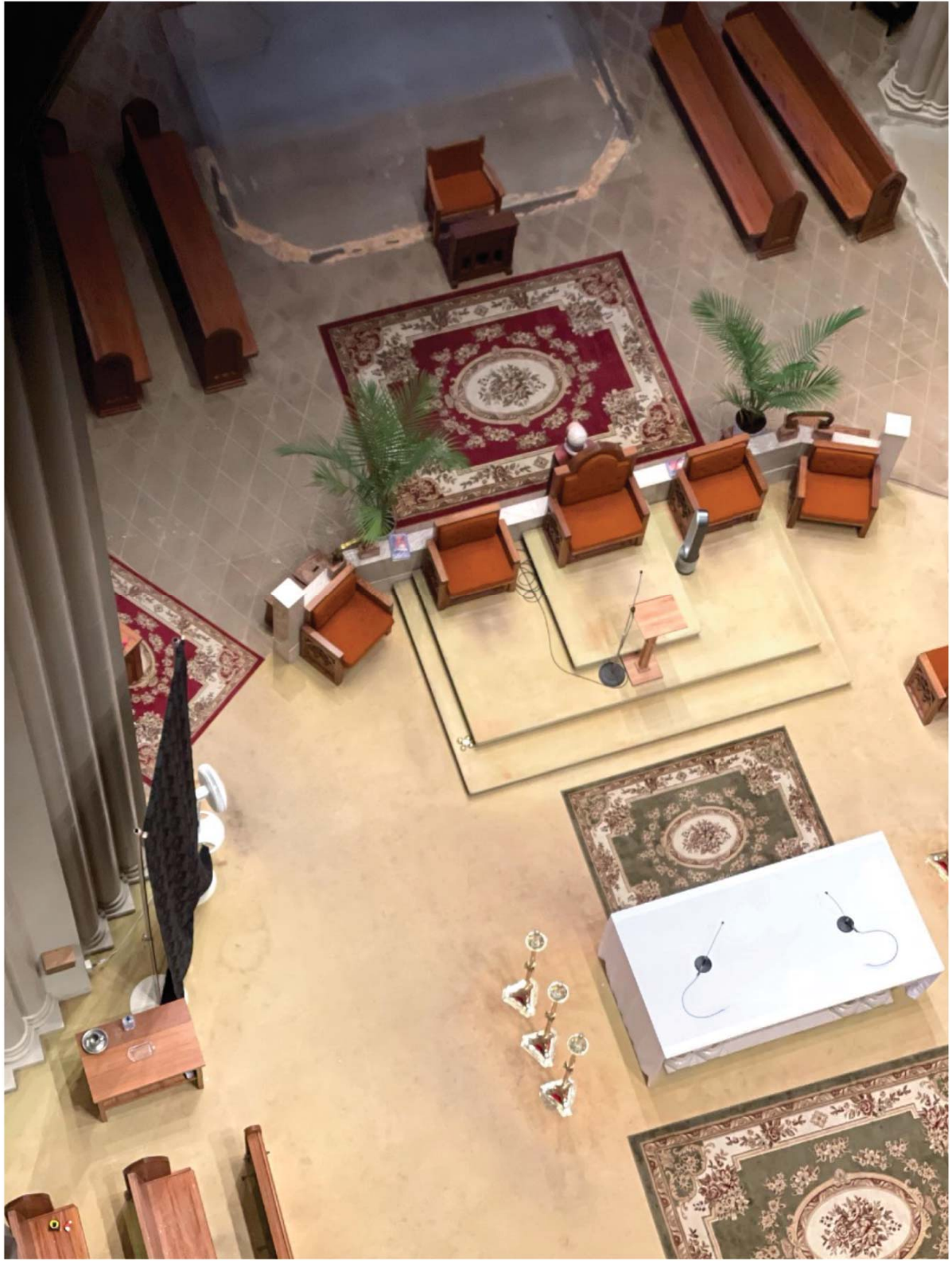
9:45am-11:00am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and other classes through Grade six (Parish Center)

11:15am Mass for Arthur Raymond Marcoux, by his mother, Madeleine. (Church)

1:00pm Baptism of Kacie Renee Randall.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Taken by one of the angels in the attic, through one of the holes in the ceiling!



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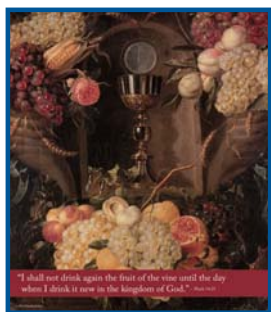
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