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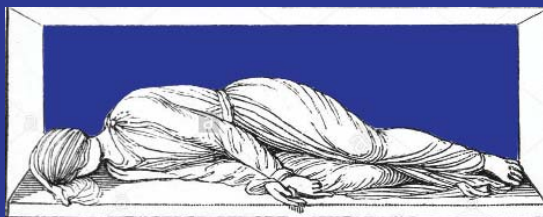
Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass 4pm on Saturday. Sunday Masses at 7am, 9:45am and 11:15am

Weekday Masses Monday through Saturday at 9am; Wednesday at 6pm

Sacrament of Penance Wednesday at 6:30pm; Thursday at 9:30am; Saturday at 9:30am and 3pm

Rosary Monday thru Friday at 3:00pm; Wednesday at 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday and Friday from 9:30am to noon



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the year draws to a close, I wanted to report to you on the finances of our beloved Saint Cecilia's parish. Here are a few of the highlights:

Income, for the first time, broke a million dollars, up 7% over the past fiscal year. Last year we brought in \$936,000, and this year it was \$1,002,996. Collections were up 2%, BINGO up 13%, Gifts up 26% and Fundraising up 4%.

We ended the fiscal year with a small surplus. Up until the end of the fiscal year, all capitol expenses for repairs of the Church was taken from our regular income, at \$209,266. Since then, we have been borrowing from the Diocesan Expansion Fund, which I am seeking to repay from a wide range of benefactors in the coming year.

As usual, more than half of our expenses are for the Church (53%), with 19% on Administration and 13% spent on the Rectory. Only 6% of our income went to pay for Religious Education expenses.

We met with great success in our efforts to reduce utilities expenses, most notably in heating, with a 23% decrease in our expenses.

We made several insurance claims in the last fiscal year, totaling \$109,945 for flooding in the rectory basement and damage to the roof in the parish hall.

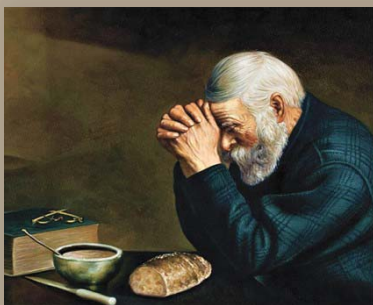
All of which means that your extraordinary generosity has once again helped us to build the next chapter in the history of this beloved Church. We hope to continue to find ways to save even more on utilities and to solicit large foundation grants to help with the exterior of the Church.

As for the interior renovations (set to begin once the gutter work is completed in the spring), we have well over a million dollars on hand, between insurance money and Memorial donations. In order that we might accomplish as much as possible in these interior renovations, I have decided to extend the Memorial solicitation until May 1st of 2024. That means that you still have the opportunity to donate memorials in memory of your loved ones which will stand for generations to come. You will find additional memorial brochures at each of the entrances.

Thank you for your support of Worcester's largest Church and this vital parish community. I am certain that God will bless us in even greater ways in the coming year!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for:

Rhea Girouard, Annie Moore, Ken Lavoie, Francis Wada, Judith Arnold, Elaine Nasal and Yvonne Champagne.

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, especially: John J. Connarton, Kenneth R. Caisse and Ernest Johnson. 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 office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.

\$15 each or 3 for \$40

ST. CECILIA'S WINTER CALENDAR RAFFLE - JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 \$450	2 \$100	3 \$150	4 \$100	5 \$100	6 \$150
7 \$100	8 \$150	9 \$100	10 \$175	11 \$100	12 \$150	13 \$100
14 \$100	15 \$200	16 \$100	17 \$150	18 \$100	19 \$100	20 \$175
21 \$100	22 \$100	23 \$150	24 \$100	25 \$150	26 \$100	27 \$150
28 \$100	29 \$150	30 \$150	31 \$1100			

\$5,200 WORTH OF PRIZES

JANUARY 2024

* total value of daily prize is a combination of cash and/or gift card. See complete list of prizes on the back.

Don't forget to get your Calendar Tickets in by Tuesday! We do have additional calendars available for purchase at the rectory. Drawings starting this Wednesday!

CALENDAR RAFFLE DRAWINGS

Wednesdays at 4pm on

St. Cecilia's Church Facebook Page

JANUARY 3 - Draw for January 1-9

JANUARY 10 - Draw for January 10-16

JANUARY 17 - Draw for January 17-23

JANUARY 24 - Draw for January 24-31

All winners will receive a phone call.

Good Luck to All!



Bunko will be back in January!

Get ready to roll those dice!

Please check next week's bulletin for more details.



thank you!

**Last Weekend's
Parish Collections
totaled \$14,245!**

**The Christmas
Collection totaled
\$9,483!**



We are so grateful to our friends at Wright-Roy Funeral Home for the 2024 calendars which are available at the entrances to the Church.

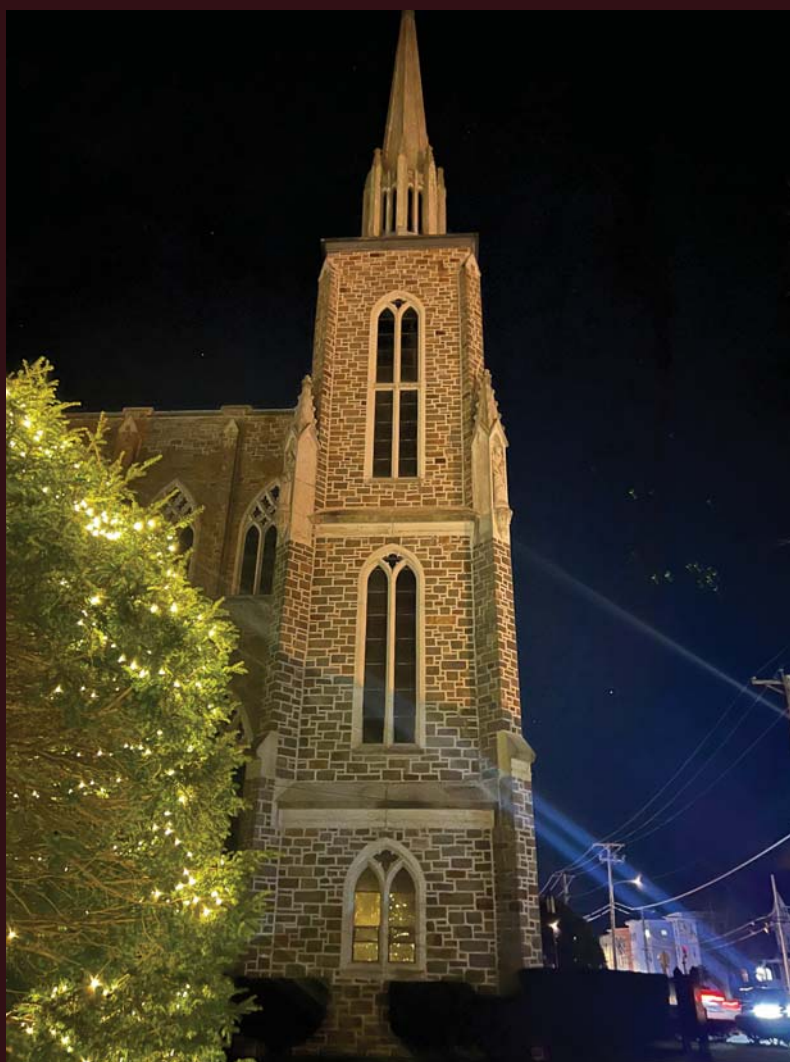
Did you get yours yet?





Marie Richard celebrated her 103rd birthday last week!

Joyeux anniversaire, Marie!









THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday December 30 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 53*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for James Leach (20th anniv.), by his children (Church)

Sunday December 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph *Breaking Bread, page 53*

7:00am Mass for Norman and Tina Melanson, by Paul and family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Alfred Laverdiere, by his children (Church)
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rector)
11:15am Mass for Linda and Thomas McDermott, by their children (Church)

Monday January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God *Breaking Bread, page 55*

9:00am Mass for Marcia Guay, by her parents, Bob and Joan (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:15pm No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday January 2 Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen

9:00am Mass for Paul Albert (6th anniv.) and Janice Albert Hanson (4th anniv.), by the family (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday January 3 The Holy Name of Jesus

9:00am Mass for Robert Doiron, by Yvette Richard (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 Joseph J. Testa, by Kevin and Michele Mack (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



Thursday January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00am Mass for Anthony Oteri, by Jeanne Conte (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 9:30-11am Bible Study about our Catholic Faith (Parish Center)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Friday January 5 Saint John Neumann

9:00am Mass for Lena Albert (1st anniv.), by the family (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 January 6 Saint Andre Bessette

9:00am Mass for Parishioners of Saint Cecilia Parish (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday January 6 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 57*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Marguerite Poirier (2nd anniv.), by Betty Sims (Church)

Sunday January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord *Breaking Bread, page 57*

7:00am Mass for Frank Regan, by Wayne and Patrice Hall (Church)
9:45am Mass for Julia Sullivan (2nd anniv.), by the family (Church)
 9:45-11am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and other classes through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectorry)
11:15am Mass for Deceased members of the George Dallaire family, by Jeanne (Church)





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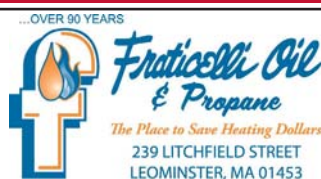
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