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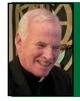
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Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 9am; Wednesday at 6pm

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: Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am to noon



# WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Next Thursday is the feast of Saint Oswald. Who is Saint Oswald, you might ask?

Bishop John Wright, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester, put statues of two saints on either side of his Cathedra, both of whom were early Bishops of the Worcester Cathedral: Saints Oswald and Wulfstan.

Saint Oswald as a seventh century King of Northumbria, which included the later Cathedral city of Worcestershire.vBede the Venerable reports that Oswald was a saintly king, who in his youth was converted to Christianity. He and his army would erect a Cross on each battlefield and kneel before it in prayer before the hostilities began.

He imported Northumbria's first Bishop from Ireland and set about baptizing his army and converting his subjects. When the Irish Bishop would preach in his native Irish, the King would translate his sermons. Bede tells us that Oswald fed and housed the poor and welcomed strangers willingly. One Easter, as he was dining with his Bishop, when a servant informed him that a crowd of hungry people were outside the castle gates begging for something to eat. Oswald demanded the table be cleared and the food distributed to the poor.

After his death, many miracles were reported at the site of his burial, from which people took so much dirt that a big hole needed to be refilled repeatedly.

And so we pray:

Lord God our King, who by the hand of your servant Oswald Lifted up the Cross in the land of Northumbria, that your Gospel might be preached in that land: Plant the standard of the Cross in our hearts, so that many may be drawn to the knowledge and love of you.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



### **PRAY WITH US!**



**Pray for all who are sick, and especially for:**Ronald Girouard, Marie Cyr, Francis Wada and Maureen Sullivan.

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. 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.



The Lenten Food Drive is off to a great start due to the generosity of the parishioners of Saint Cecilia's. Catholic Charities is extremely grateful.

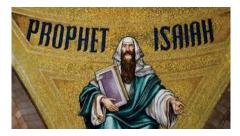
Next weekend we will be collecting: canned fruits, canned juice, bars of soap, cereal (boxed or instant), pancake mix, Bisquick, and maple syrup.

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers Serving 4pm - 7pm

This week - Hearty Hamburg Soup

Free will offerings will be accepted for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul





We will continue learning more about our Catholic faith by taking a closer look at Isaiah. The book of Isaiah gives prophetic witness to the complex study of God's judgment against Israel and the enduring promise of divine redemption. Isaiah continues to enrich readers with its powerful condemnation of corruption and an uncompromising call for social justice. We will begin this study on **Thursday**, **February 29th from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Parish Center.** If you would like to join us, please call Pat Secino at the Rectory 978-537-6541.



## RITE OF ELECTION





Last Sunday **Marco Jimenez**, who has been preparing to be Baptized, Confirmed and receive First Communion at the Easter Vigil and **Noah Albert**, who will be received into the Church and receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil, were blessed and chosen by Bishop McManus during the Rite of Election at Saint Paul's Cathedral. They were blessed and sent by Monsignor at the 11:15am Mass. Please keep Marco and Noah in your prayers as they enter their final period of preparation to receive the Easter Sacraments.



SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



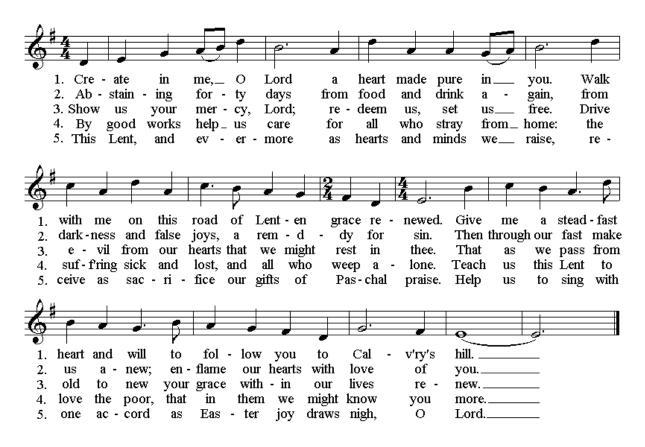
## **Protect & Heal**

Believe in the possibility of help and healing.
If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, call Judith Audette at the
Worcester Diocesan Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363.

## TWO HYMNS FOR LENT

We have worked up a new hymn for Lent, which we invite you to sing over the next five weeks. We will also be singing the old favorite, *Quietly, Peacefully*.

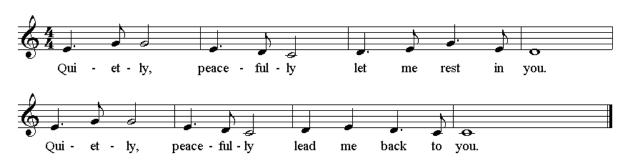
## Create in Me, O Lord



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# Quietly, Peacefully [Lenten Refrain]

Antonin Dvorak Adapted by Lori True



## Holy, Holy [Mass for Advent & Lent) God of Hosts. Heav - en and earth are \_ Ho - san - na in the high - est. Но name of Lord. the high Music © 2011 by David Lasky. Mystery of Faith for Lent Save us, Sav - ior of world, by your Cross for ur - rec - tion you free. Music © 2022 by David Lasky Great Amen Cantor: men! men,\_\_ men! Music © 2011 by David Lasky Agnus Dei [Chant] Graduale Romanum, 1974









## A NEW SACRARIUM

Thanks to the consummate wood-working skills of Denis Leger, our sacrarium has a beautiful new wooden cover, suitable to its sacred purpose. What is a sacrarium?

The sacrarium is a special sink in the sacristy which is used for the reverent disposal of sacred liquids. It has a cover and a special pipe and drain that empty directly into the earth, rather than into the sewer system. Since about the 9th century, the sacrarium has been used for the disposal of holy water, the water used to purify the chalice and clean stocks of holy oils and other sacred vessels. It is also used to "prerinse" linens which have come into contact with the Holy Eucharist.

# JOIN US FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH LENTEN THURSDAY AT NOON



"IN THE SCENE OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS THE DARKNESS ENGULFS THE EARTH AND THE SON OF GOD IMMERSES HIMSELF IN THE SHADOWS OF DEATH IN ORDER TO BRING LIFE, WITH HIS ACT OF LOVE."

- POPE BENEDICT XVI



# LENT 2024

# LEOMINSTER CATHOLIC DEVOTION FINDER



#### **CONFESSIONS**

Monday

5:30pm Saint Leo

Tuesday

8:15am Saint Anna 5:30pm OL Lake 6pm Saint Anna

Wednesday

6:30pm Saint Cecilia

Thursday

9:30am Saint Cecilia

Friday

4pm Holy Family

Saturday

9:30am Saint Cecilia 10:00am Holy Family 2:30pm Saint Leo 2:45pm Saint Anna 3:00pm Saint Cecilia 4:00pm OL Lake STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursday noon Saint Cecilia

Friday 4pm Saint Leo

5pm Holy Family 7pm Saint Anna

7pm OL Lake

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Tuesday 8am - 10am Saint Anna Wednesday 8:30am-6pm OL Lake 9am-noon Saint Cecilia 9am - 1pm Saint Leo Friday 8:30am-9am Holy Family Saint Cecilia 9:30am-noon Saturday Holy Family 10am-11am

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

**FOR THE** 

## LEOMINSTER CATHOLIC PENANCE SERVICE

AT SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30pm

MANY CONFESSORS WILL BE AVAILABLE!!!

### JOIN US EACH DAY OF LENT FOR



## A LENTEN MINUTE WITH YOUR PRIESTS

Broadcast each day of Lent

SAINT CECILIA WEBSITE



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## LEOMINSTER CATHOLIC MISSION

Prayer Together in Hope on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm

February 21st Our Lady of the Lake - Evening Prayer

February 28th Holy Family - Stations of the Cross

March 6th St. Cecilia - Penance Service

March 13th St. Anna - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

March 20th St. Leo - Closing Mass



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For more than a half century, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Brazil, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders in discussing a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.

Such encounters and engagement with the peoples of South America are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples.

A significant portion of this collection is also used to assist in the ongoing efforts of our local Diocesan Hispanic Ministry, which serves the large number of Hispanic and Latino Catholics who are now in the Diocese of Worcester. It is gratifying to see the life of faith flourishing in these parish communities as their faith life enriches us all.

I encourage you to respond to the national theme to "Share your Faith" by supporting the special Collection for the Church in Latin America **on the weekend of February 25**. Please be assured of my appreciation for your generous response.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

+ Robert J. M. Manus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus Bishop of Worcester





## THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday February 24 Vigil Breaking Bread, page 74

3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Therese Hamel (15<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by the family (Church)

Sunday

February 25 Second Sunday of Lent Breaking Bread, page 74

7:00am Mass for Joseph and Norman LeBlanc, by a friend (Church)

9:45am Mass for Romeo Poirier, by Nataly Ingalls (Church)

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

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

11:15am Mass Arthur Cormier (30<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by Jan and Wayne Doucet (Church)

Monday February 26 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for Richard Surrette, by Ellen Anderle (Chapel)

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

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

Tuesday February 27 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for Raymond Leclerc, by his wife, Lorraine and son, Richard (Chapel)

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

Wednesday February 28 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for John Daelhousen, by St. Cecilia's Choir (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 Father Bernard J. Conlin (17<sup>th</sup> anniv.) (Chapel)

6:30pm Leominster Catholic Mission *Prayer Together in Hope* Stations of the Cross at Holy Family

6:30pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



#### Lenten Weekday Thursday February 29

9:00am Mass for Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

9:30-11:00am Bible Study on the Book of Isaiah (Parish Center)

12:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

#### March 1 Friday Lenten Weekday

**9:00am Mass** for Marcel Guillemette, by his wife, Pauline (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

#### March 2 Lenten Weekday Saturday

9:00am Mass for Jeannette Brow, by the family (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

#### Saturday March 2 Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Sick and Deceased members of Leger and Poirier family,

by Marcel and Annette (Church)

#### Sunday March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

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7:00am Mass for Rita M. Daigle, by Francine Gaudet (Church)
9:45am Mass for Irene Lamoureux (26<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by Al and Terry Lamoureux (Church)

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

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

11:15am Mass Thomas Tuttle (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by his wife, Carol (Church)





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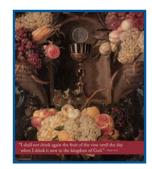
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