



Saint Cecilia Parish

A New Heavens and A New Earth
from the Bamberg Apocalypse, 11th century



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

First, I want to thank you for your generosity in helping to pay off the utility bills with your donations to the second collection this week! This time of year is always a challenge, as the massive heating bills come due. I am consoled, however, that I can always count on you!

Secondly, I invite you to put a couple dates on your calendar. The first two are solemn liturgical celebrations when Bishop McManus will be with us. Remember the old saying, *Ubi Episcopus, ubi Ecclesia* (Where the Bishop is, there is the Church!) We are never fully complete without the presence of our Bishop, which is why I hope you can be present for both of these celebrations.

On **Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm**, Bishop McManus will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the young people of Saint Cecilia's, as well as candidates from Holy Family, Our Lady of the Lake, St. Leo's, St. Anna's and St. Boniface parishes. I am so proud of our *confirmandi*, who Father Shaughnessy and I enjoyed having dinner with in January. They are wonderful young Catholics, who will pass on the faith to generations yet to come!

As you know, Saint Cecilia has been designated as a pilgrim Church for the Jubilee Year. As I type this column, yet another parish is visiting to tour our wonderful Church and to pray for all the people of the Diocese of Worcester. Bishop McManus is visiting each of the pilgrimage Church during the course of the Jubilee Year to celebrate Vespers. So, on **Sunday, June 15th at 4:00pm**, Bishop McManus will celebrate **Solemn Pontifical Vespers**. This celebration will be preceded by two hours of confessions and a reception in the parish hall will immediately follow. Please make every effort to attend.

Finally, you are invited to join me in offering thanks to God on the forty-fifth anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood, at the **4:00pm Mass on June 28, 2025**. A reception will follow in the parish hall from 5:00pm-6:00pm. I would so enjoy the opportunity to be with you and thank you for the many ways in which you have inspired and strengthened me in this sacred ministry.

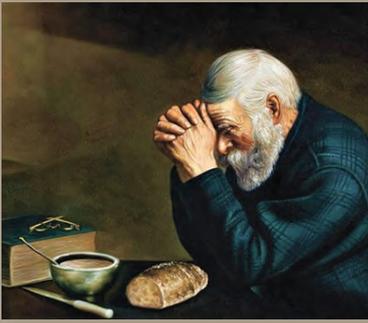
Meantime, enjoy the beautiful weather (in between the rain drops). All the flowers are starting to bloom in such wonderful ways!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



PRAY WITH US!



Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Lyndsay Booth, Haddie Boucher, Lisa Stacy, Raymond Maillet, Connie A., Joe Brideau, Kathleen “Kitty” Booth, Louis Comtois, Nancy Banks, Charlene Richard, Riley Watts, Priscilla Comeau and Donald Sanborn.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently especially; David Kennedy. 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.



MAY IS MARY'S MONTH
Come Pray the Rosary for
the month of May
on Saturdays at 3:30pm
before the 4:00pm Mass
and Sundays at 6:30am
before the 7:00am Mass.

Last Weekend's
Parish Collections
Totaled
\$9,369.



On behalf of the Mother's Day Rose Drive Committee, we hope you had a nice Mother's Day and we would like to thank everyone who donated over the weekend. We collected \$758 for our mothers in need. All proceeds will benefit the work of Mass Citizens for Life. Thank you for your generosity!

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (John 13:34) “

As I have loved you,” this is the hard part – Jesus’s love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to “love my neighbor” when they may be someone you don’t like, someone you don’t know, or someone that doesn’t look like you.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS (including the young at heart!)

WITH FATHER SHAUGHNESSY

Sant Cecilia's Rectory

Wednesday, May 21st

7:30-8:30pm



EUTHANASIA AND THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

*Euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat
for everyone. The only human path is care.*

Pope Francis

**MEMORIAL DAY FLAGGING OF VETERANS' GRAVES AT ST CECILIA'S
CEMETERY. COME HELP ON SATURDAY, MAY 24TH BEGINNING AT 7:30AM**



**Join us on Monday, May 26th at 9:00AM for our
Annual Memorial Day Service followed by, weather permitting,
a Memorial Day Mass at 9:30am at St. Cecilia's Cemetery.**



Spring Calendar Raffle Second Drawing

Congratulations to all!

05/08 \$100 cash

Roger Mercier

05/09 \$100 cash & \$50 Hannaford Gift Card

Lexis Emma

05/10 \$100 cash

Curtis Woolfrey

05/11 \$100 cash

Victor Goguen

05/12 \$100 cash

Francine Carrigan

05/13 \$100 cash & \$25 Friendly's Gift Card

Colleen Hamer

05/14 \$100 cash

Elizabeth Sims

Next Calendar Drawing will be held on Wednesday, May 21st. We will draw for May 15th through May 21st. Drawings are live streamed on our parish website and Facebook page. All winners receive a phone call. Good luck to all!



WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

Despite the massive fire at the school building and the stock market crash of 1929, Father Chicoine continued to move ahead with plans for the Gothic like cathedral. Donald Baribault of Springfield was hired as the principal architect. In addition to St. Cecilia's Church, he was architect for Immaculate Conception in Holyoke (1925), Notre Dame des Canadiens in Worcester (1929), Our Lady Czestochowa in Turners Falls (1929) and ended his church career with St. Cecilia in Leominster (1933). Below is an artist's rendition of the church that was used for marketing purposes. The original now hangs in St. Cecilia rectory.



*Celebrating
A Year of
Jubilee*



This week Father Shaughnessy and Adam Cormier welcomed a pilgrimage group from Our Lady of Loretto/Mount Carmel Parish for a tour of our beautiful Jubilee Pilgrimage Church.



We are delighted to announce that Bishop McManus has assigned Daniel Morrissey, a first year Seminarian at Saint John's Seminary in Boston, as our summer intern. Dan will begin work next weekend. I know you will show him your typical welcome and support!



And please remember to keep our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV in your daily prayers. He had an unbelievably busy first week and will be inaugurated as Supreme Pontiff at a Mass this Sunday at 10:00am Rome time (4:00am E.S.T.)

MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON

This is the Feast



1. This is the feast of Pass - o - ver; the Lamb is slain for
2. This day de - stroyed the dark - est night: a pil - lar ban - ished
3. How nec - es - sa - ry Ad - am's sin, O tru - ly bless - ed
4. Ac - cept the prais - es of this night, di - vid - ed yet un -
5. O Morn - ing star, which nev - er sets, our ris - en light and



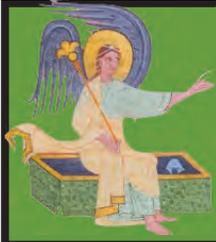
1. thee, _____ that death might die and we might
2. sin, _____ when o'er the pris - on - bars of
3. night! _____ Christ rose vic - to - rious from the
4. dimmed, _____ that shar - ing in this bless - ed
5. life, _____ you saved us from the dark of



1. live with Christ _____ e - ter - nal - ly. _____
2. death the Lord _____ did vic - t'ry win. _____
3. tomb, our ev - er - last - ing light. _____
4. light we might _____ the vic - t'ry win. _____
5. death, from slav - er - y and strife. _____

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday May 17 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 160*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
 3:30pm Praying the Rosary in honor of Mary during the month of May (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Willie Daigle (16th anniv.), by the family (Church)

Sunday May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter *Breaking Bread, page 160*

6:30am Praying the Rosary in honor of Mary during the month of May (Church)
7:00am Mass for Theresa Crochetiere (8th anniv.), by the family (Church)
9:45am Mass for LeBlanc and Comeau families, by Ronald and Gail LeBlanc (Church)
 Altar Server Recognition Mass
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectory)
11:15am Mass for Theresa (13th anniv.) and Maurice (4th anniv.) Doucet, by the Doucet family (Church)
 Donovan Brideau receives his First Holy Communion during Mass
 1:00pm Baptism of Massino Paul DiRusso (Church)
 6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal (Parish Center and Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday May 19 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for Romeo Poirier, by Sandra Garcia(Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
7:00pm Mass Regional Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Robert McManus (Church)

Tuesday May 20 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for Emidio Amelotte, by a friend (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday May 21 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for Gladys Turbide, by Wayne and Patrice Hall (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Richard Brow, by last will (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)
 7:30pm Introduction to Catholicism for Young Adults (Rectory)

Thursday May 22 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for Kevin Leclerc, by his mother, Lorraine and brother, Richard(Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 9:30am Bible Study on Genesis (Parish Center)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday May 23 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for The Intentions of the members of the Kinsey family, by Wanda Lavaree (Chapel)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts at 6:30pm

Saturday May 24 Easter Weekday

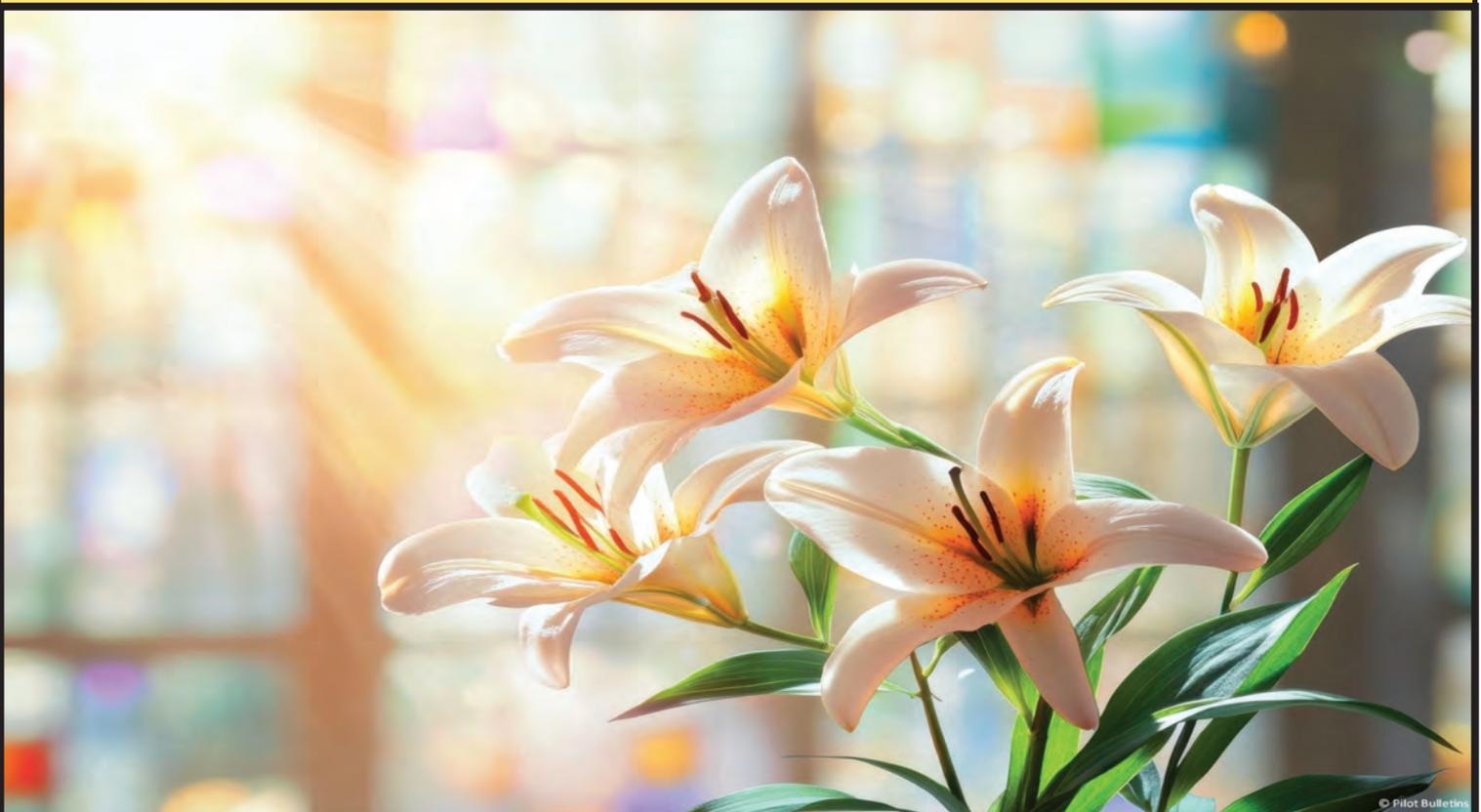
9:00am Mass for Michael Leclerc, by his mother, Lorraine and brother, Richard (Chapel)
9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday May 24 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 162*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
3:30pm Praying the Rosary in honor of Mary during the month of May (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Denis J. Albert (18th anniv.), by the family (Church)

Sunday May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter *Breaking Bread, page 162*

6:30am Praying the Rosary in honor of Mary during the month of May (Church)
7:00am Mass for All Souls in Purgatory, by a parishioner (Church)
9:45am Mass for John Gaudet, by his mother (Church)
10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectory)
11:15am Mass for Andre Breton, by his family (Church)
1:00pm Baptism of Mark Raymond Doughty (Church)
6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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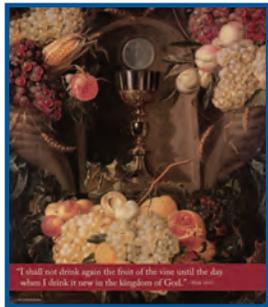
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