



Saint Cecilia Parish



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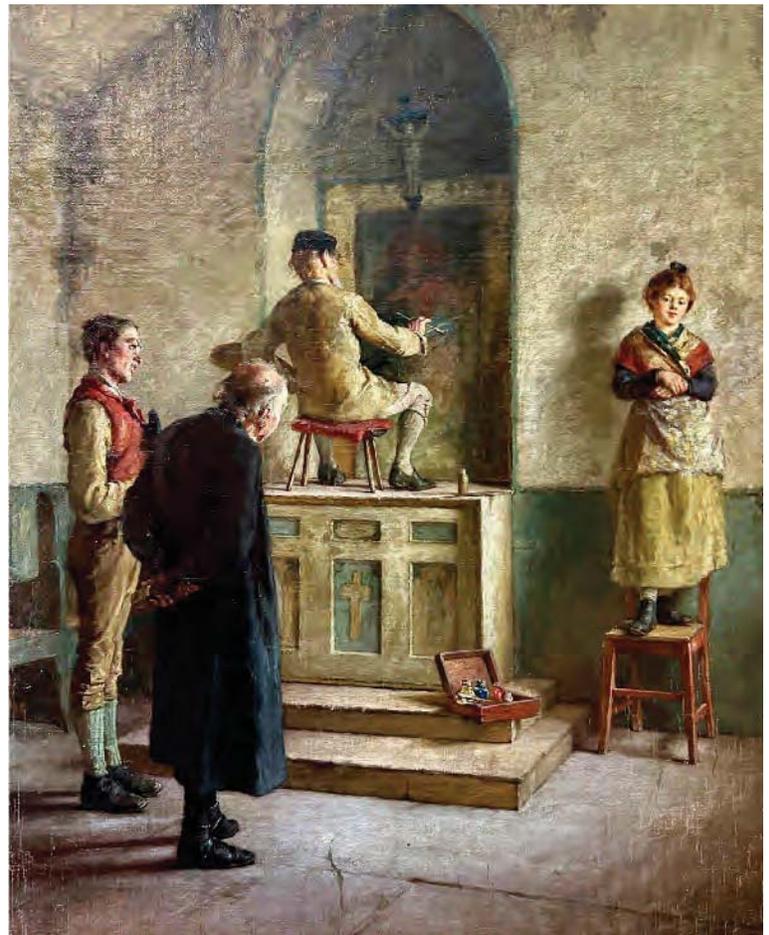
Dear brothers and sisters,

I have always enjoyed art of all kinds and of all styles. Religious art in particular (as you have seen from this publication) has a potential to move the heart and the soul. I enjoy visual art just as I do fine food, wine and friends. It's a reflection of the wondrous beauty of the face of God!

Lately, I have been revisiting some American painters, including Howard Helmich, who at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth centuries was only the second foreigner to be accepted at the famed *École des Beaux-Arts* in Paris. He later became a friend and collaborator of the famous James Whistler (remember his mother?) in London. But most of all Howard Helmick was renowned for his painting of West Irish countryside life, and especially as it concerned the Church.

Here is a humorous and deeply religious example. It takes place in a small Irish country Church, where a traveling artist is painting a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is hard at work, precariously perched on a stool set on top of the altar as a young lass from the town stands on a stool to serve as his model.

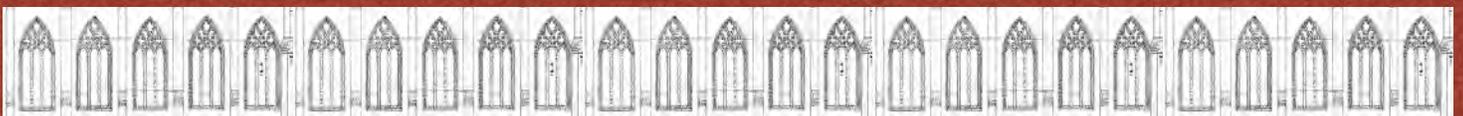
Directly in front of us stands the old balding pastor (remind you of anyone!?) in a worn cassock with his hands clasped behind his back clutching his Breviary. To his left is a young man, with wide eyes and mouth agape, he is clearly more enthralled with the artist's model than the idea of the Madonna.



I find this painting delightful as the artist paints a picture of himself painting a picture in a rural Irish church! I wonder if he painted one of an engineer fixing a tower??

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



PROUD AND GRATEFUL

During the Memorial Day prayers at the cemetery I was proud to hear both the Mayor and one of the members of the City Council comment on how beautifully our cemetery was prepared for Memorial Day. Which leads me to thank the man who worked countless hours in making sure this sacred space where we honor and pray for our dead was worthy of its' sacred purpose. **Denis Leger** labors from the depths of winter to the sweltering summer to keep Saint Cecilia's Cemetery in such great shape. He has also expressed his gratitude for the many hours of volunteer work which **Emile Doiron** so kindly contributed to this noble work. We are so very blessed!



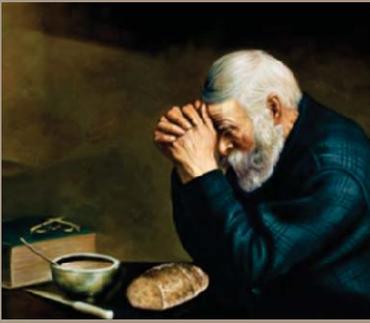
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*Ladies of St. Anne Installation Mass of
New members and to celebrate Lifetime
members on June 8, 2025 at 2pm*

Please meet in the church at 1:45pm. After
Mass we will proceed to Parish Center
upstairs hall to continue our Celebration.
We will be passing out the 2025-2026
Calendar. Please join us.

**There will be refreshments and a small
raffle. If your dues are not current,
please bring your book. All members are
encouraged to attend to show their
support for our wonderful organization.**

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; Joseph D. Guercio. 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.

**Last Weekend's
Parish Collections
Totaled
\$6,295.**



**Due to a meeting for
all priests, we will
celebrate one Mass
only this
Wednesday at 6pm,
there will be
no morning Mass
or Adoration.**

**PROMISE TO
PROTECT**



**PLEDGE TO
HEAL**

If you or someone you know has been abused by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope, help and healing. We encourage you to contact our Diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Judith Audette: 508-726-2880 (jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org), Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. All reports of child abuse are also reported to law enforcement.

The Catholic Church in the United States recognizes her “obligation to protect children and young people and to prevent sexual abuse flows from the mission and example given to us by Jesus Christ himself, in whose name we serve.” (*USCCB Charter for the Protection of Minors*).



Spring Calendar Raffle Final Drawing

Congratulations To All!

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The family and friends of Marc Raymond Doughty celebrated his Baptism last Sunday.



Thanks to all who helped us honor our deceased Veterans with flags for Memorial Day.



MEMORIAL DAY 2025





THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday May 31 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 166*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
 3:30pm Praying the Rosary in honor of Mary during the month of May (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Deceased members of the Hamel family, by the family (Church)

Sunday June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter *Breaking Bread, page 166*

7:00am Mass for Dolores Valeri (4th anniv.), by her husband and family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Ray Gould (9th anniv.), by Millie and Ryan (Church)
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectory)
11:15am Mass for Arthur and Azilda Lavallee and families, by Madeleine (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday June 2 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for Donald Robert Gordon, by his sister, Carol
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday June 3 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

9:00am Mass for Father Robert Gariepy, by last will (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday June 4 Easter Weekday

No Morning Mass or Adoration due to a meeting for all Priests.
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Clarence West, Jr., by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard (Church)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)
 7:30pm Introduction to Catholicism for Young Adults (Rectory)

Thursday June 5 Saint Boniface

9:00am Mass for Rita, Ben and George Daigle, by the family (Church)
 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 June 6 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for Marie Germaine Richard, by Ginette (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 June 7 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for Jeannette Brow, by last will (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday June 7 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 168*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Winnie Martin, by Idora LeBlanc and family (Church)

Sunday June 8 Pentecost Sunday *Breaking Bread, page 174*

7:00am Mass for Anthony and Emila Amico, by the family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Catherine Brady Lanza (5th anniv.), by the family (Church)
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectory)
11:15am Mass for Kathy Scott (3rd anniv.), by Jim and Paula (Church)
 1:00pm Baptism of Alsa Elyse Walker
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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