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Saints Peter and Paul by Carlo Crivelli

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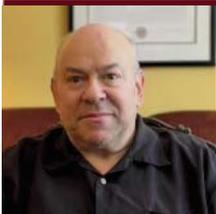
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Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 9:00am; Wednesday at 6:00pm.

Sacrament of Penance: Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 9:30am, Saturday at 9:30am and 3:00pm.

Rosary: Monday through Friday at 3:00pm; Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am to noon.



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend I celebrate forty-five years as a Priest. In the intervening years I have been the most blessed of men! From the first days at the Cathedral and then the next year at Sacred Heart in Webster, to the folks I came to love at Saint Leo's, and then my first pastorate at a French and an Irish parish in Spencer, which God eventually wove together as one parish, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, to my fifteen years at the USCCB Committee on the Liturgy in Washington, to being a Cathedral and Seminary Rector, to these good days at Worcester's "Cathedral of the North." It has all been such a blessing!

You can't imagine how rewarding (and how much fun) my life has been. Can you imagine what it is like to anoint the dying or to absolve the sins of someone who has been away for forty years? Do you know what it's like when people trust you with their deepest secrets and ask you for their prayers, or what it is like to hold the Body and Blood of the Lord in your hands and give him to God's holy people as spiritual nourishment? It is overwhelming and the most deeply rewarding life which this poor priest could have ever imagined.

Not that it is over, mind you! I pray that God will still give us many years together! Years filled with births and deaths and all the glorious struggles and sacrifices of life which make up the years in between.

Forty-five years ago, Bishop Flanagan prayed a prayer over me. It is the prayer which consecrated me as a Priest, and it's probably the best way to end this column.

Almighty Father, grant, we pray, to this servant of yours the dignity of the priesthood...may he be a faithful steward of your mysteries, so that your people may be renewed in the waters of rebirth and nourished from your altar, so that sinners may be reconciled, and the sick raised up.

May he be joined with us, Lord, to implore your mercy for the people entrusted to his care and for all the world.

And so may all nations, gathered together in Christ, be transformed into your one people and be brought at last to the fullness of your kingdom....[through Christ our Lord]. Amen.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney









REFLECTIONS ON THE COLLECT

BY DANIEL MORRISSEY



Dear brothers and sisters,

On special days in the Church's liturgical calendar such as memorials, feasts and solemnities the Collect prayer for Mass asks God for a special grace related to the occasion that the Church is celebrating. This Sunday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

In the Collect we ask that "the Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion." From whom did the Church receive right religion? From St. Peter, to whom Christ Jesus gives his authority in a special way, as leader over the entire Church and St. Paul, to whom Christ Jesus appears and bestows on him a special mission. In this Solemnity we celebrate with the universal Church the lives of these two men who through a unity of mind and heart fixed on God, with the other Apostles, have established for us the foundation of the Catholic Church and her teachings.

In a world and a Church that at times seems to be so divided, this grace we pray for today is extremely important. It highlights two important things, namely: identity and obedience. Through our Baptism, we have become children of God, sons and daughters of God the Father and brothers and sisters in Christ. This is our primary identity. We are children of God and therefore members of Christ's Body, the Church.

We are and must identify as Catholic Christians before we identify with anything else, be it a political party, sports team, economic class, race, ethnicity, sex, age, social status, job, family line etc. If this is who we are, it means that we need to live from that identity. Our worldview and what we believe, as well as how we live our lives and make our daily choices should flow from our identity as Catholics.

It is for this grace that we pray. We, the Church, ask God for the grace to follow, or obey, the teachings of the Church in all things. I know we don't like the word obedience. Obedience is an extremely difficult thing. Our first obstacle is trust. We have a hard time trusting others and rightly so. But in the Gospel passage today we are reassured that God speaks to us through his Church because he has given his authority to Peter and the Church. We can place our trust in the teachings of the Church, not because the people governing it are trustworthy, but because we trust in the God whose authority is directing it. Truly, we have a God in whom we can place our trust.

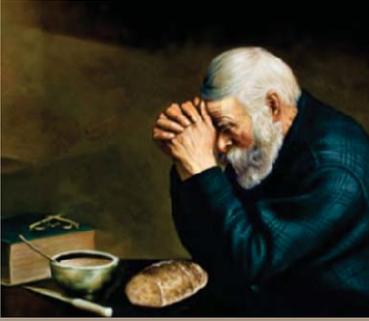
Secondly, obedience is difficult because it requires us to relinquish all that we believe and do that is not in conformity with the will of God; which can sometimes be things close to our hearts or may even be deeply ingrained in our very persons. It is difficult, and actually impossible on our own, but that is why we must ask God for the grace. Only he can work this transformation in us with our consent.

Truly, obedience can feel like death. But a death that if undergone, leads to a new and ever more free life in the Holy Spirit now and for all eternity. Are you bold enough to dare ask for this grace of deep trust and filial obedience to the Church and her teachings? Only by doing so can we really live out our identity as sons and daughters of God the Father.

Daniel Morrissey



PRAY WITH US!



Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Claudette Lucas, Klye Eaton, Rita Churri, Joseph “Max” Beaudoin, John LaFortune, Lyndsay Booth, Haddie Boucher, Lisa Stacy, Raymond Maillet, Connie A., Joe Brideau, Kathleen “Kitty” Booth, Louis Comtois and Nancy Banks.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently especially; Mary L. Caron and Joseph J.D. LeBlanc. 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.

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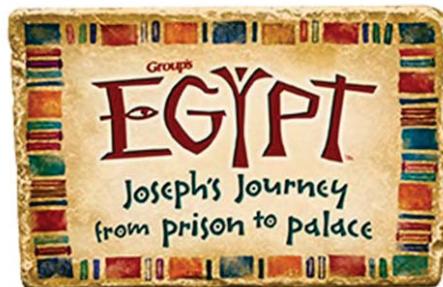
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When: July 21st thru July 24th

Time: 9:00AM- 2:00PM (parking lot entrance)

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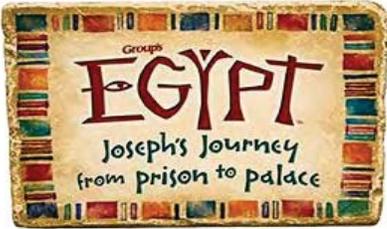
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\$75.00 per family for non-parishioners



Come join us as we visit the Holy Land and discover God's plan for Joseph in Egypt. Register today.

To complete registration form or to volunteer to help:
Check our bulletin, go on our website www.stceciliachurch.net under Faith in Action, Religious Education or contact Paula at 978.537.5596 (Mon-Thur.) or pd@stceciliachurch.net.

Vacation Bible School 2025
July 21st thru 24th
9:00 AM- 2:00 PM
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The cost is \$50.00 per family for registered parishioners and \$75.00 per family for non-parishioners. If the cost for your child(ren) to attend exceeds your budget please reach out to Paula, scholarships are available. To register, please complete the registration form and drop it off at St. Cecilia Rectory. You may place it in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory, send it via email or postal mail to Paula Doucet (pd@stceciliachurch.net). “Egypt” is great fun for children of all ages: preschoolers are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult; and even teenagers will have fun by signing on as Egyptian Family Leaders who help the younger children. If you are planning on having your child/children attend, please fill out form & return it by **July 1st**. Thank you, the adventure awaits!

Child’s First Name:	Child’s Last Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Age:	Date of Birth:	Last Grade Completed:
Allergies or Other Medical Conditions:		T-Shirt Size: Sm. Med. Lg. Ex. Lg. <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Adult
Mother’s Name:	Father’s Name:	Address:
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Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Number:	Relationship to Child:

Photo Release:

I grant permission to St. Cecilia’s Parish to photograph my child during participation at Egypt’s Vacation Bible School, July 21st-24th, 2025. Pictures may appear in the bulletin and on the Parish’s social media sites (Website, Facebook, Twitter etc.)

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday June 28 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 183*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Maria Eagle (10th anniv.), by the Daigle family (Church)

Sunday June 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul *Breaking Bread, page 185*

7:00am Mass for Deceased Bernard Babies, by Memere and Pepere Bernard (Church)
9:45am Mass for Claire and John Murphy, by the family (Church)
11:15am Mass for Arlene Pelletier (4th anniv.), by her nieces (Church)
 1:00pm Baptism of Wesley James Adams (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday June 30 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Romeo Poirier, by Washington Silvera (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday July 1 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of Leger and Poirier family, by Marcel and Annette Leger (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday July 2 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Romeo and Yvonne Gariepy, by their daughter (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Claire Quiet, by Al and Terry Lamoureux (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)
 7:30pm Introduction to Catholicism for Young Adults (Rector)

Thursday July 3 Saint Thomas

9:00am Mass for Richard H.J. Brow, by last will (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday July 4 Weekday in Ordinary Time (Parish Office Closed for Independence Day)

9:00am Mass for Pius Yun, by his family (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 NO BINGO TODAY

Saturday July 5 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of Plourde and Brow families, by the family (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday July 5 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 188*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Doris Richard (14th anniv.), by her husband and family (Church)
 6:30pm SUPER BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:30pm; Game starts at 6:30pm

Sunday July 7 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 188*

7:00am Mass for Albert Cristofono (33rd anniv.), by the family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Rick Raymond, by Rita and family (Church)
11:15am Mass for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence William, by Felix and Annette LeBlanc (Church)
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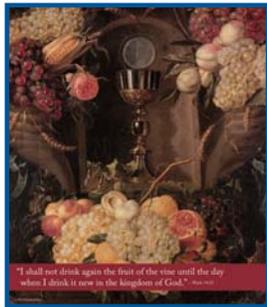
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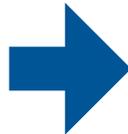
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