



Saint Cecilia Parish

Summer Bible Camp



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

The picture at the borrow of this column was painted in Russia in the 28th century and it depicts the “parable of the rich fool” we hear proclaimed this weekend.

If you look closely, you can see the rich fool in his office, his desk covered with bags of money. Meanwhile, outside his window, workmen are tearing down the little barns where he stores his money to build bigger depositories for his growing wealth.

Pope Benedict XVI once spoke eloquently about this parable, which Jesus tells in response to the request of a man to tell his brother to share the inheritance with him.¹

In answering, Jesus puts him on guard against those who are influenced by the desire for earthly goods with the Parable of the Rich Fool who having put away for himself an abundant harvest stops working, uses up all he possesses, enjoying himself and even deceives himself into thinking he can keep death at an arm's length. However God says to him "Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"² The fool in the Bible, the one who does not want to learn from the experience of visible things, that nothing lasts for ever but that all things pass away, youth and physical strength, amenities and important roles. Making one's life depend on such an ephemeral reality is therefore foolishness. The person who trusts in the Lord, on the other hand, does not fear the adversities of life, nor the inevitable reality of death: he is the person who has acquired a wise heart, like the Saints.³

I have thought a lot about this reality these past few weeks at the Funeral Masses of several of our parishioners. Walking around our cemetery and looking at some of the faded grave stones from years gone by reminds me that nothing lasts but faith, hope and love.

May God make you rich in that love, firmly rooted in faith and encouraged daily by the promises of eternal happiness with him in heaven.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney

¹ Cf. Luke 12: 13.

² Luke 12: 20.

³ Pope Benedict XVI, August 1, 2010.





REFLECTIONS ON THE COLLECT

BY DANIEL MORRISSEY



The Collect for this Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time asks our Creator to “restore what you have created,” and then asks God to “keep safe what you have restored.” The grace we are praying for this week is restoration and preservation. One word came to mind when prayerfully pondering this request made of God. Healing. This week let’s ask God for the grace of healing.

For starters, everyone, including both you and I, need healing. Now I’m not talking here about physical and psychological healing, but rather the deeper healings of heart and soul. We’ve all been hurt in one way or another. In fact, many of us act out from this place of hurt our entire lives! But my friends, God doesn’t want that for us; Christ came to set us free! This freedom and healing, like physical and psychological healing, has three steps prior to the healing.

The first step is to identify the wound or what is hurting. Sometimes all we know is that we hurt, but don’t know why. That’s okay. Bring this to Jesus in prayer. Ask him to show you where it hurts. “My Lord and God, why do I act in this way? Where do I hurt?” Maybe the hurt is rejection, fear, abandonment, insecurity or shame. Or feelings of powerlessness, confusion or hopelessness. Perhaps you need to forgive. Maybe you’ve believed some lies about yourself or others. Maybe you have unhealthy attachments or false judgments that need letting go. Maybe the root cause of hurt is a predominance of pride, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, greed or sloth. It can be uncomfortable and frightening but let Jesus take you to the hurt.

The second step is knowing the remedy. Honestly, the remedy is the Divine Physician himself. Only he can bring about the healing of our hearts that we so desperately need. Let’s ask the doctor what medicine he wishes to prescribe. Let him tell you that you are desired not rejected, can trust not fear, are watched over not abandoned, forgiven not ashamed, given power and hope not powerless or hopeless. He undoes the lies we have believed by speaking his truth. He frees our hearts from attachments. Only in His Name and power can we forgive others, ourselves or God. Only with his eyes can we see people as they truly are. Only by his mercy after sincerely repenting can we be forgiven of our sins. Only by seeing where Jesus was in those frightening and difficult memories can we be healed. My friends, it’s true what they say: love heals. Imagine what Divine Love can do. He loves you; please let him.

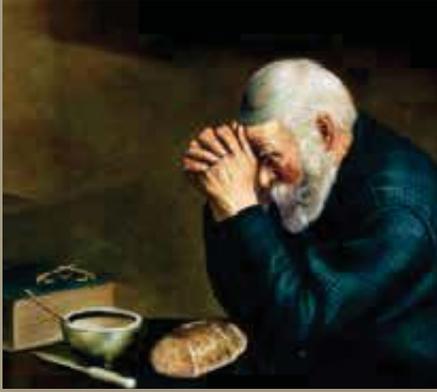
The third step is to apply the remedy. Therefore, when you react from a place of hurt, bring that to prayer. Ask God to identify the hurt and identify the remedy. Then do it. Renounce the lie, speak the truth, forgive the enemy, listen to God’s voice and receive his love. Persevere! Don’t dismiss it or delay; freedom in Christ awaits you! You don’t have to live like this anymore! Although it can be a lifelong process, healing and freedom can begin now! Hurt people hurt others and healed people heal others. Everyone is hurting, it’s time to bring healing.

Well, it’s my last day, so this is my last reflection. My hope is that these reflections helped draw you closer to God. Please pray for seminarians such as myself that we let God form us into holy men and good spiritual fathers. Thanks! (Some ideas in this reflection were borrowed from the retreat and book “Be Healed” by Bob Schuchts)

Daniel Morrissey



PRAY WITH US!



Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Judith Melanson, John Nelson, John Bessette, Claudette Guilmette, Wayne G., Stephanie St. G., Christina Fernet, Claudette Lucas, Klye Eaton, Rita Churri, Joseph "Max" Beaudoin and John LaFortune.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently especially; Priscilla Comeau. 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
TOTALLED \$8,790.



WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

At 5:50AM on October 27, 1948, the beloved Fr. Chicoine who served 34 years as pastor of St. Cecilia's returned to his maker after serving as a priest for 61 years. Father Chicoine was responsible for the major building expansion of the school and fulfilling his vision of building a gothic church appointed with a Casavant organ. He was waked in the rectory for two days prior to the Pontifical Funeral Mass celebrated by Bishop O'Leary. Thousands of parishioners, city officials and clergy were present to mourn the loss of this gentle and courageous priest.



Last check written by Fr. Chicoine

Funeral Procession from the rectory to the church

Are you or someone you know interested in exploring Catholicism or completing Confirmation?

- If you or someone you know is not Catholic but is interested in learning about our beliefs and practices, feel free to contact us. There is no pressure whatsoever to join. Curious people are welcome to ask questions, learn, investigate and then choose to either stay or go.
 - If you are already Christian but raised in another Christian community and are interested in possibly becoming Catholic, call us.
 - If you are an adult Catholic who never received Confirmation or First Communion and are thinking about completing your sacraments, we can prepare you for that.
 - If you are married or engaged to a Catholic and wonder what they believe, we can help you with that.
- If any of these apply to you or someone you know, feel free to contact us.

What is the Schedule?

Our OCIA will begin Sunday, September 7th, 2025. We meet every Sunday from 10:00-11:00 AM.

If you would like to find out more about Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, please contact:

Patricia Secino

Director of Continuing Education

978-537-6541

psecino@stceciliachurch.net



St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one," and "Spread love everywhere you go." Will you help us spread LOVE?

Our parish is in a rotation with other groups in the community to provide meals throughout the year to the North Star Family Services (NSFS) homeless shelter located at the corner of Main St. and Tolman Ave. in Leominster. We provide a week of meals four times a year. When a family comes to them, they anticipate their stay could be as long as 6 months. Their goal is to educate and support families through wellness and skill building trainings and break the cycle of homelessness.

Would you like to help by providing a meal a couple times during the year? Maybe you aren't a cook but could help on Tuesday evenings to play and supervise the children from 6:30-7:30P while trainings are provided to the parents. Want more information on how to get involved?

Reach out to Paula at 978.990.0425 or doucetjp1982@gmail.com or at work 978.537.5596 or pd@stceciliachurch.net



2025 Partners in Charity Appeal Update

St. Cecilia's Parish has raised \$39,680 which is 79% of our \$50,000 goal. Thank you to all who have contributed. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you still have time, this appeal runs through the month of August. Please find donation envelopes located at each church entrance or visit www.partners-charity.net to donate online. Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 25 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP







THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday August 2 Vigil

Breaking Bread, page 196

3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Eloi Richard (8th anniv.), by his family (Church)

After Mass A light reception in the rectory to bid farewell to Daniel Morrissey our Seminarian Intern

Sunday August 3 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Breaking Bread, page 196

7:00am Mass for Mary Louise Caron, by Debbie, Cheryl and Sue (Church)

9:45am Mass for Paul Aubuchon, by Richard and Lucille Roberge (Church)

11:15am Mass for Mary Pitre (50th anniv.), by Gerald McDonald and family (Church)

6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday August 4 Saint John Vianney

9:00am Mass for Mary Caron, by Kevin and Michele Mack, Brandon FH (Chapel)

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

Tuesday August 5 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of the Plourde and Brow families, by last will (Chapel)

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

Wednesday August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00am Mass for John Kinsey, by his wife and family (Chapel)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)

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

6:00pm Mass for Father Robert E. Gariepy, by last will (Chapel)

6:30pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

7:30pm Introduction to Catholicism for Young Adults (Rectory)

Thursday August 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Roger Champagne, by his wife Yvonne (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

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

7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday August 8 Saint Dominic

9:00am Mass for Michael Leclerc, by his mother Lorraine and brother Richard (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 August 9 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Dr. C. Robert Valeri, by Cristina Valeri (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday August 9 Vigil

Breaking Bread, page 198

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Denise Ross (30th day), by Carol Watts (Church)

Sunday August 10 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Breaking Bread, page 198

7:00am Mass for Roger Melanson, by Paul Melanson (Church)
9:45am Mass for Deceased members of the Kinsey family, by Wanda Laravee (Church)
11:15am Mass for Jeannette (19th anniv.) and Joseph (14th anniv.) Miller, by Karen and Chris (Church)
 Baptism of Collins Ann Cadigan, Anderson Thomas McGonagle and Lillian Grace McGonagle (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)



Saint Dominic



THANKS TO THESE SPONSORS WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH YOUR BULLETIN

FREE EACH WEEK

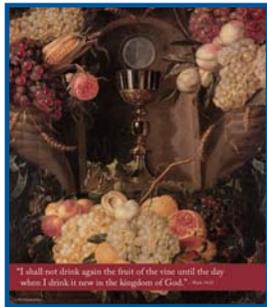
Enjoy the full color bulletin that will change weekly and may feature images to reflect the Gospel of the week or a meaningful Parish event.

To receive this bulletin in your inbox each week
please email signup@pilotbulletins.net

617-779-3770 // www.pilotbulletins.net



Online Bulletin Delivery



Parish Bulletin



To your inbox

Sign Up at www.pilotbulletins.net/sign-up

Receive your Parish Bulletin in your inbox every week.

617-779-3770 // www.pilotbulletins.net

My Patriot Supply
Trusted Self-Reliance

WHEN THE SHELVES ARE EMPTY (AGAIN), YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU PLANNED AHEAD.



Grab Your 4-Week Emergency Food Supply

- ✓ Includes Breakfasts, Lunches, Dinners, Snacks and Drinks
- ✓ 2,000+ Calories/Day | Fortified with 12 Essential Vitamins & Minerals
- ✓ Up to 25-Year Shelf Life
- ✓ Easy-to-Store, Stackable Buckets
- ✓ Lightning-fast FREE Shipping



AMERICA'S MOST TRUSTED EMERGENCY FOOD COMPANY
OVER 72,000 5-STAR REVIEWS | A+ RATING WITH THE BBB



To access a special deal on the 4-Week Emergency Food Kit from My Patriot Supply, scan the QR code below, visit or call:



1-844-783-4191
mypatriotdeal.com/prep47

Custom Pull-Out Shelves
for your existing cabinets and pantry.



50% OFF INSTALL!*



Easy access, less stress, everything within reach.

ShelfGenie
EVERYTHING WITHIN REACH™

a neighborly company

Call for Your **FREE** Design Consultation:
(855) 625-9032

*Limit one offer per household. Must purchase 5+ Classic/Designer Pull-Out Shelves. EXP 9/30/25. Independently owned and operated franchise. ©2025 ShelfGenie SPV LLC. All rights Reserved.

WINDOW NATION



Our windows will lower your utility bill and keep your home comfortable.

Did you know that even small gaps in your windows can let cubic gallons of air outside? When your windows work better, so does your a/c (and heat). Our top-quality energy efficient windows are measured three times and get a 50 - point inspection for a perfect fit - and can be installed in a day or less by our local team. Get top quality windows at a fraction of the national brands.

Offer Valid on certain models, excludes the cost of labor. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Excludes Labor. Financing offers a no payment - no interest feature (during the "promotional period") on your purchase at an APR of 17.99%. No finance charges will accrue on your account during the promotional period, as set forth in your Truth in Lending Disclosures, and you will not have to pay a monthly payment until the promotional period has ended. If you repay your purchase in full before the end of the promotional period, you will not have to pay any finance charges. You may also prepay your account at any time without penalty. Financing is subject to credit requirements and satisfactory completion of finance documents. Any finance terms advertised are estimates only. Normal late charges apply once the promotional period has ended. MD MHIC # 124358, VA # 2705178069, DC # 420212000037, Delaware # 2013601804, PA # 104611, MA HIC # 197968, NJ # 13VH0799700, RI RIGL #44067, KS # 9641242, CT HIC # 0661044, WA # WINDOW1771PW, OR #249065 RI RIGL #44067, 1674220105

WINDOW NATION

Offer ends 9/30/2025

BUY 4 WINDOWS GET 4 FREE

\$0 down payment | **\$0** monthly payment | **0%** interest rate
for 2 years

Get a FREE door when you purchase a house of windows.*

*Customers who purchase an entire house of windows may also receive a free six panel door (maximum \$2,000 retail value)

▼ Schedule your **FREE** quote! ▼

855.919.2625

The Bath or Shower You've Always Wanted IN AS LITTLE AS 1 DAY



\$1000 OFF*

\$1500 OFF when financing with remodelingloans.com™ OR **0% Interest For 18 Months™**

OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/2025
Military & Senior Discounts Available



CALL NOW!
(844) 300-2419

*Includes labor and product; bathtub, shower or walk-in tub and wall surround. This promotion cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions may apply. This offer expires 9/30/2025. Each dealership is independently owned and operated. **Third party financing is available for those customers who qualify/Participating dealers only. See your dealer for details. ©2025 Bath Concepts Industries.

WR

WRIGHT-ROY FUNERAL HOME

109 West Street Leominster
978-534-9372
www.wrightroyfuneralhome.com



CHOICE
INSURANCE GROUP
978-534-8329
165 Mechanic Street Leominster, MA

Parishioners of St. Cecilia's for over 75 years!

Right Coverage. Right Price. Right Choice!

www.choice-insurance.com
choice@choice-insurance.com

Home • Auto • Business • Life

VITELLI MONUMENT CO.
275 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg
978-342-4350
Five Generations of Quality Workmanship
NICHOLAS VITELLI, PRES.
www.vitellimonument.com

...OVER 90 YEARS

Fraticelli Oil & Propane
The Place to Save Heating Dollars
239 LITCHFIELD STREET
LEOMINSTER, MA 01453

"God is Love" 1 John 4:8

Brandon Funeral Home
www.brandonfuneral.com
Kevin J. Mack, Funeral Director
305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg • 978-343-4444

BRIDEAU
SMARTER HEATING & COOLING

978-342-9780
www.BrideauEnergy.com

HEATING OILS, DIESEL FUEL AND 24 HOUR HEATING SERVICE

D&D Waste Removal, LLP
Dumpster Rentals
ATTICS • YARD WASTE • CELLARS
APPLIANCES • GARAGES
CONSTRUCTION • FORECLOSURE

Free Estimates
508-523-9621
djb827@yahoo.com

PROTECT GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS
END ABUSE
END ABORTION

Joe O'Donnell
Tax & Pension
978-840-1040

SERVICE OIL
HEATING OIL DELIVERY SERVICE

**NEED TO FILL YOUR OIL TANK?
CALL TODAY: 978-466-1922**

ORDER ONLINE: MYSERVICEOIL.COM

- Est. 1988 -
Cristina's Restaurant
314 Central St. Leominster, MA 01453
www.cristinas.net • 978-534-0849

RICHARDSON FUNERAL HOME
106 WEST STREET
LEOMINSTER, MA
978-534-9137
richardsonfh106@gmail.com
www.richardsonfuneralhome.net

AD SPACE AVAILABLE
617-779-3771

"Feed My Sheep" John 21:17

SAVE \$350 when you transform your patio into an outdoor oasis.

SunSetter
America's #1 Awning

- Instant shade—at the touch of a button.
- Enjoy more quality time with family and friends.
- Up to 10-Year Limited Warranty.

Call 1-844-429-8765 now to **SAVE \$350 TODAY!**

America's #1 Awning!

ERIC HOME
Erie Roofing Since 1976

Trust the Nation's #1 Roofing Contractor
Award-Winning Roofing and Customer Service

LIMITED TIME OFFER
50% OFF Installation

FREE ESTIMATE SCHEDULE TODAY!
Call 1.855.720.0765

CALL TODAY! 1.855.720.0765

THE THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
of SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

FALL COURSE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

COURSES
Moral Theology • Canon Law
Fundamental Theology

www.sjs.edu/the-theological-institute

