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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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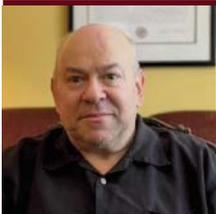
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Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 9:00am; Wednesday at 6:00pm.

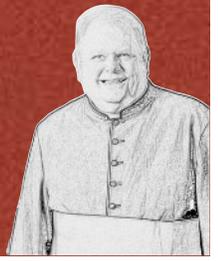
Sacrament of Penance: Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 9:30am, Saturday at 9:30am and 3:00pm.

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,

The celebration of the Mass is the “source and summit” of the Christian Life.¹ This is why Saint Padre Pio is said to have preached, “it would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than to do so without the Mass.”

For this reason, the Church requires that every Catholic take part in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, and “those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”²

But what if I can’t get to Church? I think of the elderly parishioner who watches the Mass on *Facebook* every Sunday because she can’t get a ride or is too ill to attend. I also think of those rare circumstances when the Bishop or pastor has dispensed someone from the Sunday Mass obligation for a good reason. Those who do not participate in Mass for a legitimate reason, or are dispensed from the obligation, do not commit a sin by missing Mass.

However, if I **am** able to get to Church and deliberately choose not to, I am in danger of committing a mortal sin. Sadly, in our day, this includes the majority of Catholics. Indeed, most surveys indicate that fewer than a quarter of Catholics go to Church every Sunday.

The good news is, however, that those reading this column are among the blessed who know they are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Pope Saint John Paul II understood this when he wrote, “For me, the Mass constitutes the center of my life and my every day...nothing means more to me or gives me greater joy than to celebrate Mass each day and to serve God’s people in the Church.”

So, thank you for answering the call of Christ to “do this in memory of me.” And thank you for being part of our faith community here at Saint Cecilia’s Church that, together, we might join our lives to the Holy and Living Sacrifice offered by Christ upon the Altar of the Cross.

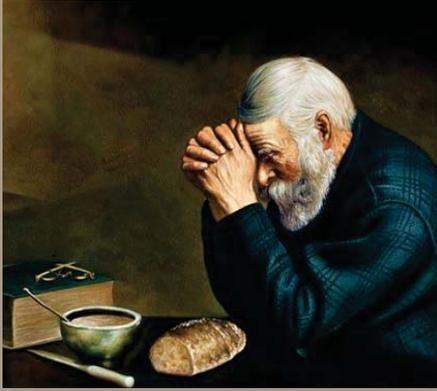
In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney

¹ Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], no. 1324.

² CCC, no. 2181.





PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Steve Augat, Lindsey Booth, 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; Lorraine A. Blanchette. 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
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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:

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, August 14

Vigil at 6:00 PM

Friday, August 15

Holy Day at 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Come join us as we celebrate the Solemnity
of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
at the end of her life she was taken, body
and soul, in Heaven.

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

After the death of Father Chicoine, Father Leon Savageau became the temporary administrator, until Father Joseph Boutin was named next pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in January, 1949. Father Boutin only served as pastor for 20 months, dying prematurely. During his short pastorate, he removed many of the decorative finials on the roof-line that adorned the church for a short period that were deemed structurally unsound at time and he replastered and painted the church. Father Boutin and his brother left money which supports the seminarians of our diocese even to this day.



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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).

Volunteers Needed for Religious Education



Helping our children grow in their faith journey can be so rewarding!

Can you help?

This coming year, we need someone to share their faith with our 6th grade children. Our program would also benefit with assistants in the classrooms, especially Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and substitute teachers on Sunday mornings. If you are feeling a tug on your heart and would like more information, please call Paula at 978-537-5596 or e-mail her at pd@stceciliachurch.net.



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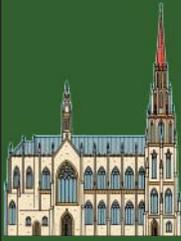
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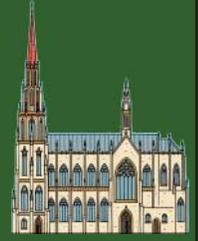
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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



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)

Monday August 11 Saint Clare

9:00am Mass for Kevin Leclerc, by his mother, Lorraine and brother, Richard (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday August 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Barry O'Brien (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday August 13 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Joseph J.D. LeBlanc, by Kevin and Michele Mack, Brandon FH (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:00pm Mass for Bette McNabb, by Wil Gariepy (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)
 7:30pm Introduction to Catholicism for Young Adults (Rectory)

Thursday August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of Lionel and Noella Charpentier family, by Diane and Robert Aubuchon (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Thursday August 14 Vigil for Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary *Breaking Bread, page 201*

6:00pm Mass for Marie Richard, by Felix and Annette LeBlanc (Church)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Breaking Bread, page 201*

9:00am Mass for Ashleigh Brown, by her mother and sisters (Church)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
4:00pm Mass for Dolores Garceau, by the family (Church)
 6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts at 6:30pm

Saturday August 16 Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday August 16 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 204*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Howard Barnaby, Sr. (53rd anniv.), by Kathy (Church)

Sunday August 17 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 204*

7:00am Mass for Arthur and Jeannette St. Yves, by Paul Melanson (Church)
9:45am Mass for Deceased members of Hamel and Rheault families, by the family (Church)
11:15am Mass for Roland and Victorine Aubuchon, by the family (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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