



Saint Cecilia Parish



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

September is right around the corner as all our parish activities come back to life. From all indications, it will be a busy fall!

One great event is by the “Fugue” of the Montachusett Chorale. I am very grateful to them for agreeing to sing at a fundraiser for Saint Cecilia Parish on Saturday, September 27th. All attendees will sit at small tables, sipping on a glass of wine and some appetizers and desserts (included in the \$25 ticket price!) as they listen to songs from the “Big Band Era” under the title “Songs in the Key of Love.” It should be great fun and I encourage you to attend and bring along some friends for the benefit of our beloved parish. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory.

As you may know, the Serra Club of Northern Worcester County (for which I serve as chaplain) is a great group of folks who gather to support seminarians and promote vocations to the priesthood. They will be sponsoring a HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS here on Tuesday, September 23rd from 7-8pm which I also encourage you to attend.

The Serrans will also be holding a Spaghetti Supper here to raise funds for their good work on Saturday, October 4th. Tickets for this event are also available at the rectory.

Many of those of you who were away for our seminarian’s going away event have asked me for Daniel’s address. You can certainly send him cards and letters at: Daniel Morrissey, Saint John’s Seminary, 127 Lake Street, Brighton MA 02135.

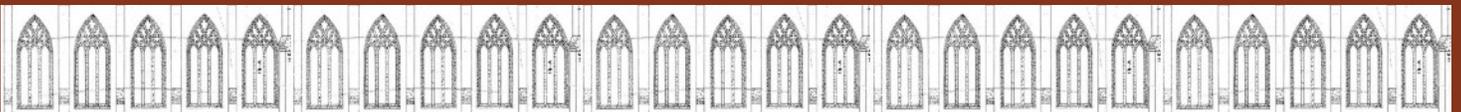
Finally, when you get a moment, please say a grateful prayer for all the good folks working on opening up our Religious Education Program, Catechumenate (OCIA), Bible Study, Flea Market and so many other good works! We are surrounded by so many wonderful folks!!

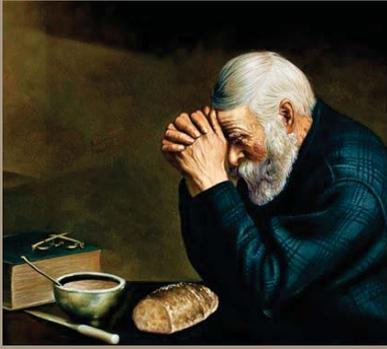
In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney

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IN THE KEY
OF LOVE**

SWING TO BIG BAND MUSIC
BY THE "FUGUE" OF THE
MONTACHUSETT CHORALE
TO BENEFIT
ST. CECILIA CHURCH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
6:30 PM
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PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Rosemarie (Albert) Orr, Mark Rohoc, Lisa Stacy, Steve Augat, Lindsey Booth, Judith Melanson, John Nelson, Claudette Guilmette, Wayne G., Stephanie St. G., Christina Fernet, Claudette Lucas, Klye Eaton, Rita Churri and John LaFortune.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently. 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
\$9,062**

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.

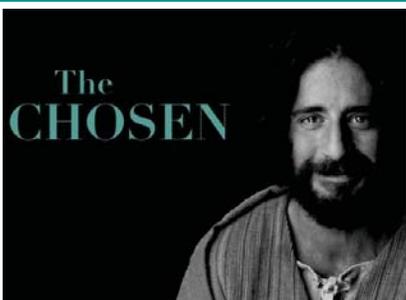
If any of these apply to you or someone you know, feel free to contact us.

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:

Pat Secino by calling 978-537-6541 or by email to psecino@stceciliachurch.net



We will be starting our Bible Study on the television series "The Chosen." This series is a historical drama that tells the story of Jesus and those who knew him. It is set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel. It offers a multi-episode character-driven narrative that explores the lives of Jesus' disciples and the people he encountered both followers and those who opposed him. Please join us on Thursday, Sept. 11th at the Parish Center from 9:30 to 11:00am and repeated that same evening from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Contact Pat Secino at the Rectory

978-537-6541 or email psecino@stceciliachurch.net and let her know what time works best for you.

Mark Your Calendar!

St. Cecilia's Christmas in Acadia Fair

Friday, Nov. 14
5-8pm

Saturday, Nov. 15
12-6pm



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Consider setting items aside for our Christmas in Acadia Flea Market.

We will be happy to receive any holiday decorations, dishes, knickknacks, religious items, sports memorabilia, DVDs, toys, canning jars, jewelry, pocket books, books (children's only), etc.

Please note, we cannot accept computers, monitors, televisions, electrical appliances, padded furniture, VHS tapes, cassettes, stuffed animals, clothing or shoes. We are unable to take large furniture. If it doesn't fit in your car, please don't bring it.



Upcoming drop off times:

Saturday, Sept. 6th from 9:30am-12:30pm

Monday, Sept. 8th from 5:00-7:00pm

All donations are to be dropped off at the parish center (use lower Third St. and Mechanic St. side door across from the church).

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*).

THE FOLKS OF SERRA NORTH INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM AT A

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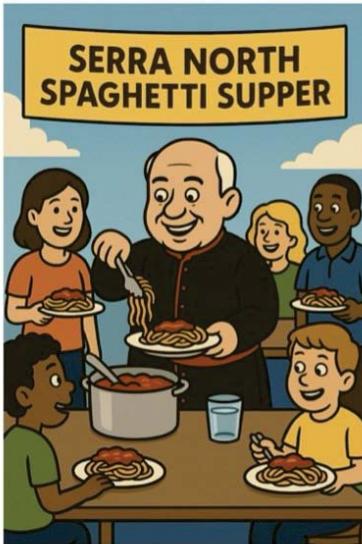
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AND SAINT LEO RECTORY (M-W, 9am-4pm; T-F, 9am-noon)



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SEMINARIANS AND TO PROMOTE ALL
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD. FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON JOINING SERRA NORTH,

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We will be drawing prizes totaling \$2,400 worth of scratch tickets from the Massachusetts Lottery on September 22, 2025. The suggested donation for each ticket is \$20, or \$100 for six tickets. However, if you can afford to make a larger donation, it will help us pay off our bills all the faster! Additional Tickets are Available from the Parish Office.



Join our
Religious
Education Team!

**HELPING OUR CHILDREN
GROW IN THEIR FAITH
JOURNEY CAN BE SO
REWARDING! CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking for 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 contact Paula at 978-537-5596 or e-mail pd@stceciliachurch.net



Registrations for this year's Religious Education Program have been mailed out. The first day of classes for **Grades 2-6 is Sept. 14th**; **Grades 7-10 Sept. 15th**; **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sept. 21st**.

For those receiving a sacrament this year you will need to attend additional sacramental classes besides the Sunday/ Monday classes. If you have moved, are new to the parish or I mistakenly forgot to mail one out to you (sorry!)

If you attend a parochial school and looking to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation (usually 2nd graders) or Confirmation (usually 10th graders) please reach out to me to register your child(ren) for just the sacramental preparation classes.

Please reach out to me, Paula, call 978-537-5596 or e-mail pd@stceciliachurch.net and I will get a registration out to you!



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD
SHEPHERD

*For Children Ages 4-6
What is an Atrium?
Come Visit ours and find out!*

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*After all Masses
September 6th & 7th
in the Parish Center
3rd Floor Room 11*

All families and children are invited to visit our Atrium, a sacred space designed especially for young children. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a religious education program that helps children develop a deep and personal relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd and a love for Scripture and the Sacraments.





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE
PARISH MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET
IN CELEBRATION OF THE SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DIOCESE OF WORCESTER

On Friday, September 26th at 5:30pm, Bishop McManus will be hosting a PARISH MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET at the DCU Centre Ballroom in Worcester.

We are delighted to announce that three of our most outstanding parish ministers will be honored on this night:

JEANNINE BRIDEAU WILFRID GARIEPY BETTYANN HARRINGTON

While we have so many dedicated people involved in scores of ministries, we know you will want to join us in thanking these three outstanding parishioners for their decades of dedication to the mission of Saint Cecilia Parish.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30pm, followed by the dinner and presentation of awards. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$650 for a table of ten. If you can join us for this evening, please return this form in the collection basket or to the Rectory by Friday, September 5th.

YES, I will attend the
75th ANNIVERSARY MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th
AT 5:30PM
IN THE DCU CENTRE BALLROOM IN WORCESTER

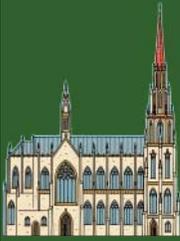
Please reserve _____ seats for my group.

Please include payment of \$75 per person
and indicate food preference for each person
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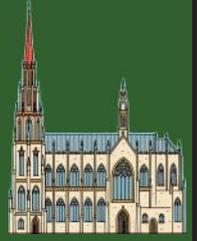
I would like to sponsor a table of ten for \$650.

Please include payment of \$650 per table
and indicate food preference for each person
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Saint Cecilia parish will sponsor one table for the honorees and their guests.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday August 30 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 208*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Walter and Theresa St. Onge, by the family (Church)

Sunday August 31 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 208*

7:00am Mass for Gerry and Beverly Lange, by Paul Melanson (Church)
9:45am Mass for Norman and Jeanette Robichaud, by Maria Babineau (Church)
11:15am Mass for Leon Gallagher, Jr. (20th anniv.), by his wife, Jeanne (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday September 1 Weekday in Ordinary Time (Labor Day Holiday - Parish Office Closed)

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

Tuesday September 2 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Rick Baron (30th anniv.), by Mom, Dad and Michael (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday September 3 Saint Gregory the Great

9:00am Mass for Roger Champagne, by his wife, Yvonne (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Lien (Theresa) Le, by the family (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday September 4 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Anna Kiet Yun, by the family (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday September 5 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Romeo Poirier, by Lillian (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 September 6 Weekday in Ordinary Time

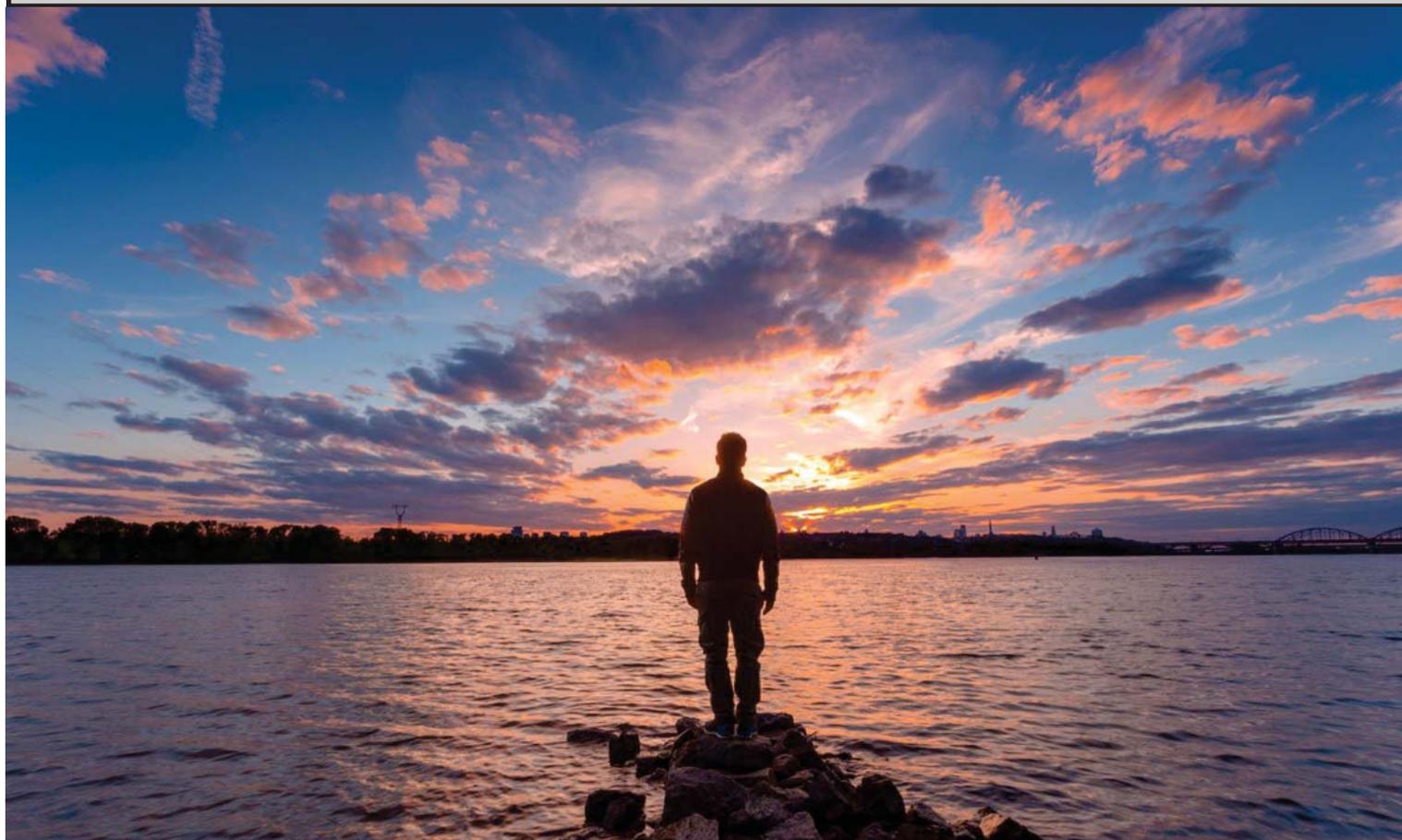
9:00am Mass for Bert LeBlanc, by his wife (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday September 6 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 210*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Roger Richard (15th anniv.), by his sister and family (Church)

Sunday September 7 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 210*

7:00am Mass for Alphonse and Doris DiConza, by the family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Phyllis Tisdale (3rd anniv.), by her children, Brian, Stephen and Maureen and their families (Church)
11:15am Mass for Rita Gould (24th anniv.), by Millie and Ryan (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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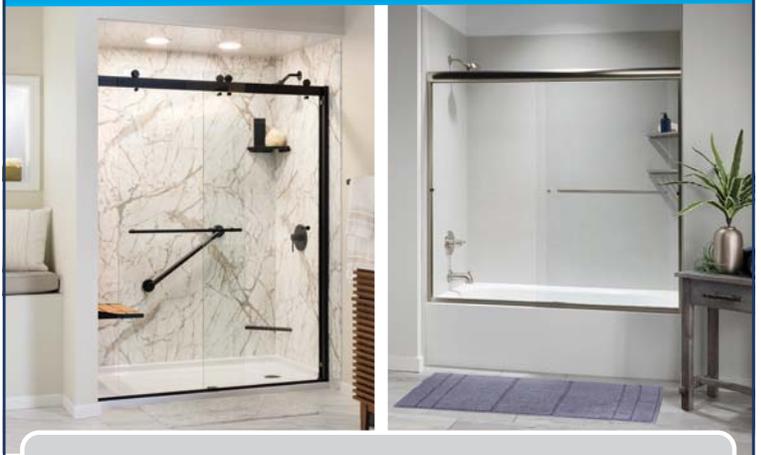
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