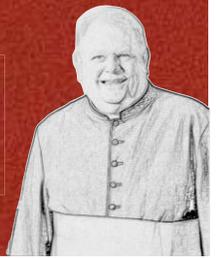




Saint Cecilia Parish



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

It always amazes me how fast time goes by. With the end of summer, we now focus on a busy Fall.

Within the next couple weeks, work will resume on the water-proofing of the exterior of the Church with the last of the roofs expected to be **finished** (isn't that a nice word!) before winter is upon us. That means we will have completed the first stage work on the exterior, insurance for water infiltration will kick back in and we can begin the painting and plastering of the interior (**at last!**) in the spring. It's been a long hard and complicated work, but it is nearing completion. **Thank God!**

We also have several major events in the coming weeks, the details of which you can read about elsewhere in this bulletin, including:

Monday, September 22nd
Drawing of the winner for our
SCRATCH TICKET EXTRAVAGANZA
with \$2,400 worth of prizes!

Tuesday, September 23rd from 7-8pm
A Holy Hour for Vocations
sponsored by the Serra Club North

Friday, September 26th at the DCU Center in Worcester
75th Anniversary and Ministry Awards Dinner for the
Diocese of Worcester
honoring Jeannine Brideau, Wilfrid Gariepy and BettyAnn Harrington

Saturday, September 27th at 6:30pm
Montachusett Chorale "Big Band"
Benefit Concert at City Hall
to benefit Saint Cecilia Church

Saturday, October 7th from 5-7pm
Spaghetti Supper in the Parish Hall
for Serra Club North

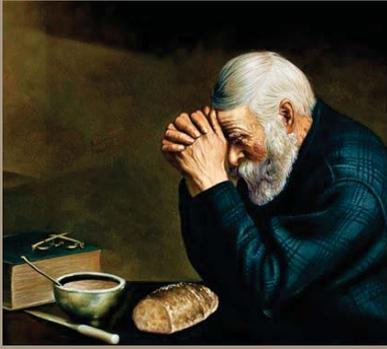
All this, plus the startup for the OCIA Catechumenate, Religious Education (including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) classes, Bible Study and all our usual activities.

It's a busy place at Saint Cecilia's and you are the reason why our parish is alive with so many activities. We have great new year of growth and excitement in proclaiming the Gospel from our little Church atop French Hill!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





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@stceciachurch.net and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.



LAST WEEKEND'S
PARISH COLLECTIONS
TOTALLED
\$7,102.

THE FOLKS OF
SERRA WORCESTER-NORTH
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU
TO PRAY WITH US AT A

HOLY HOUR
FOR VOCATIONS



ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
FROM 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
IN SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH
170 MECHANIC STREET, LEOMINSTER

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:33)
When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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

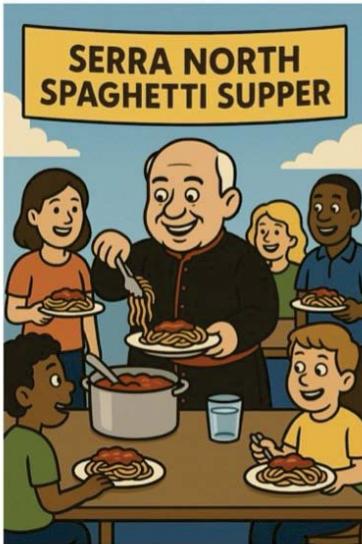
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FROM 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

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VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD. FOR MORE
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BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR TICKETS FOR THE SCRATCH TICKET EXTRAVAGANZA.



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Book of Fifty \$30 Scratch Tickets

Second Prize
Book of Fifty \$10 Scratch Tickets

Third Prize
Book of Fifty \$5 Scratch Tickets

Fourth Prize
Book of Fifty \$2 Scratch Tickets

Fifth Prize
Book of Fifty \$1 Scratch Tickets



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!



*For Children Ages 4-6
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OPEN HOUSE

*After all Masses
September 6th & 7th
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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.

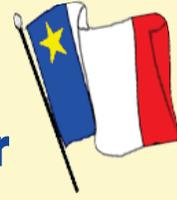


Mark Your Calendar!

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).

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

With the competition of the new rectory, Monsignor Gravel focused on replacing the wooden convent that had served as the living quarters for the sisters since 1903 prior to that it served as an old inn. The convent was in very poor shape. The "new" convent was built in brick diagonally in front of the former convent, which was located in the area where the current maintenance garage is.

The tunnel that connected the "old" convent with the school is still in existence and is used as storage. The "new" convent was dedicated on August 15, 1967. The convent was built to house 16 sisters and had a recreation room, cafeteria and chapel. The "new" convent was sold during the time of Monsignor Goguen and is now the home of Catholic Charities.





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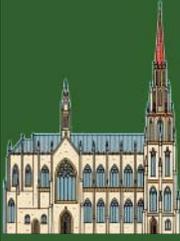
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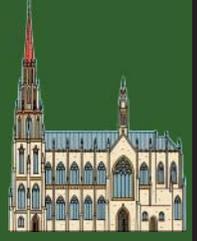
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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



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)
 10:00-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
11:15am Mass for Rita Gould (25th anniv.), by Millie and Ryan (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Mass for Norman and Jeannette Robichaud, by Guy and Gloria Robichaud (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday September 9 Saint Peter Claver

9:00am Mass for Alan Bergeron, by a friend (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday September 10 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Constance Gariepy (5th anniv.), by Wil (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Lorraine Blanchette, by Kevin and Michele Mack, Brandon's FH (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday September 11 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Cameron Bernard (7th anniv.), by Memere and Pepere Bernard (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 9:30am Bible Study on The Chosen Series (Parish Center)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:00pm Bible Study on The Chosen Series (Parish Center)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday September 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Marie Richard, by Felix and Annette LeBlanc (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 13 Saint John Chrysostom

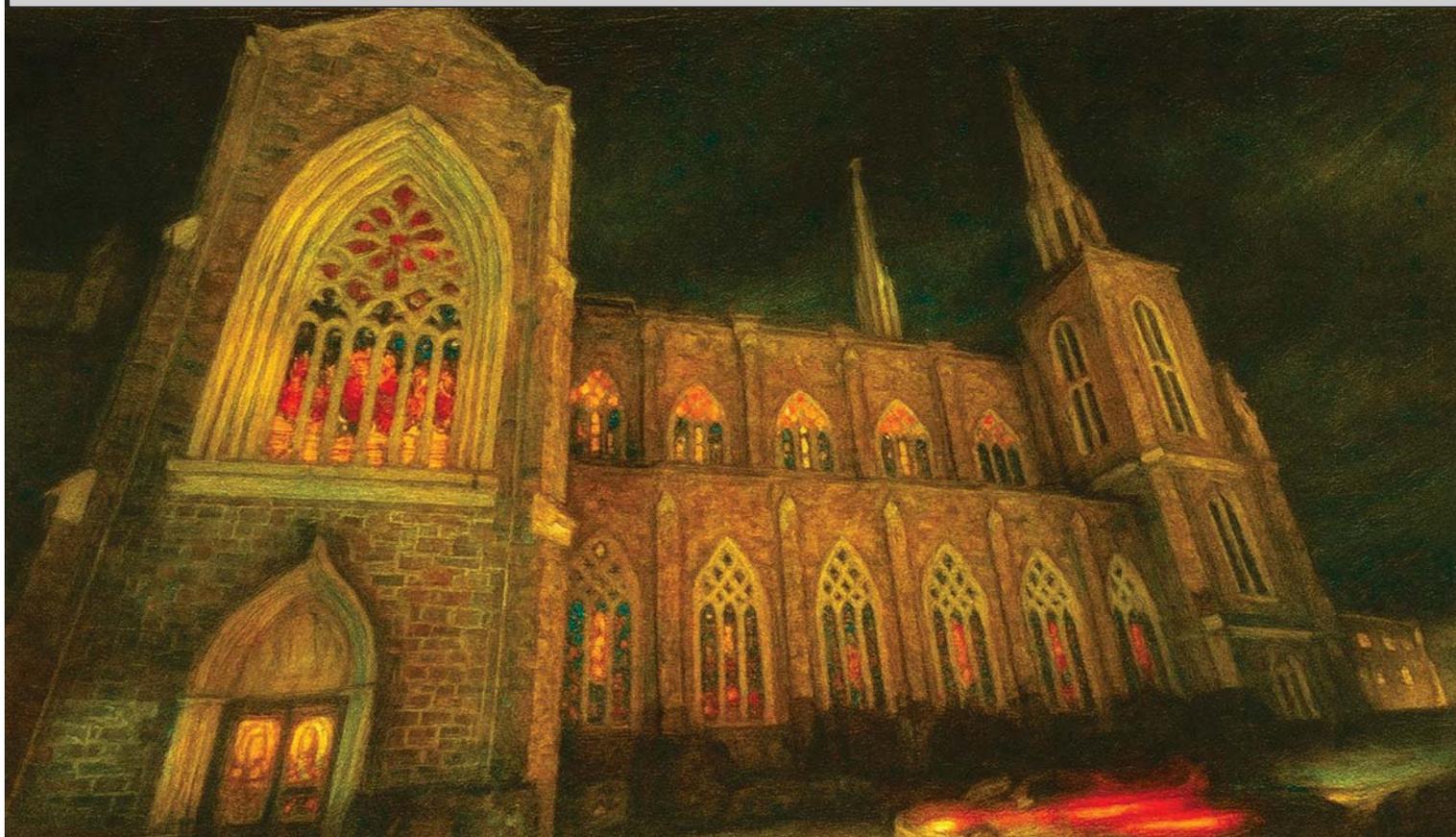
9:00am Mass for Pius Yun, by the family (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday September 13 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 218*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Deceased members of Dusoe and Smith families, by the family (Church)

Sunday September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross *Breaking Bread, page 218*

7:00am Mass for Deceased members of Provo and Tessier families, by the family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Deceased members of the Gaudet family, by the family (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education Classes for Grades 2 through 6 (Parish Center)
 10:00-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
11:15am Mass for Eric Scott Doucette (27th anniv.), by the family (Church)
 12:15pm Volunteer Bingo Appreciation Banquet (Parish Center)
 1:00pm Baptism of Miles Thomas McNamara (Church)
 2:00pm Wedding of Gary Roy and Velina Managbanag (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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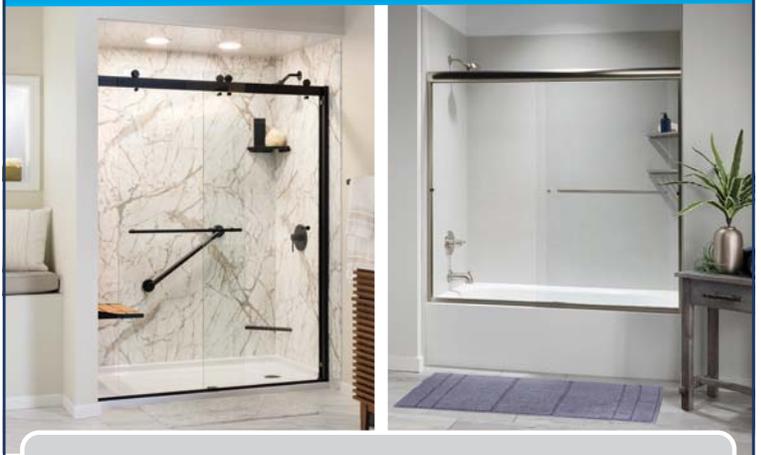
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