



Saint Cecilia Parish



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

Can you believe it is almost October!? Where does time go to?

It is probably the “busy-ness” of our little parish on French Hill that makes the time fly. The high point of the week was the Diocesan Awards Ceremony in Worcester, at which Bishop McManus presented awards to BettyAnn Harrington, Jeannine Brideau and Wilfrid Gariepy. Between them, they have given over a hundred years of service to this parish and to say we are grateful is a great understatement! There’s really not a word in English (or in French!) to express how grateful we are.

In so many ways, they received these awards on behalf of all our extraordinarily generous volunteers. I have never known a parish with so many people who give so much time to the mission of the Church at so many different events. Thank you! (But, again, that word is just not adequate!)

That was so clear when so many helped out with the wonderful benefit concert at City Hall on Friday (thanks to the Montachusett Chorale, too!), and the Holy Hours for Vocations with the Serrans and the official “first use” of our new BINGO machine on Friday night. From the construction of the new stage, the installation of the new monitors and the certification of our dedicated callers on the new equipment, it all went off without a hitch!

In passing, I want to mention our new partnership with Saint Pauly Textile, which distributes used clothing to over forty-four countries throughout the world. This charitable group accepts clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases and stuffed animals and will provide a percentage of the profits from the distribution of these to Saint Cecilia’s Parish each month. As one who just finished going through my closet and drawers for Fall Cleaning, I encourage you to make use of this service from this wonderful group.

Finally, I wanted to recommend to your prayers all those who have suffered so much from the horrible violence we have witnessed recently. Just this past week, a man and a young person were shot near the Twin City Mall in a senseless act of violence. We read of this as our hearts still ache from the shooting of Charlie Kirk. As I mentioned two weeks ago, the horrific murder of a young father of two children is unimaginable, not to mention the school shooting which followed and the corrosive effect of the hate-filled language which assaults us every day.

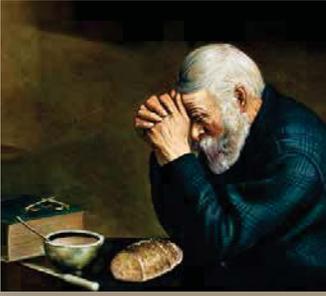
So what are we to do? Pray. As of late, I have been praying a beautiful prayer from the *Roman Missal* which asks: “Pour out on us, O Lord, we pray, a spirit of truth, understanding and peace, that we may know with all our hearts what is pleasing to you and, with one accord, pursue what we have come to know. We ask this though Christ, our Lord.” Let us be one in prayers with the full knowledge that for those who love God, all of it will make sense in the end.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



PRAY WITH US!



Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Roger Breunig, Helen St. Germaine, Janet Baron, Rosemarie (Albert) Orr, Mark Rohoc, Lisa Stacy, Steve Augat, Lindsey Booth, Judith Melanson, John Nelson, Wayne G., Stephanie St. G., Christina Fernet, Claudette Lucas and Klye Eaton.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently, especially; Riley 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@stceciachurch.net and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.



October 7th is the feast of the Most Holy Rosary and so **OCTOBER IS MARY'S MONTH** and we invite you to **pray the Rosary with us!**

Monday through Friday at 3pm

Wednesday night at 7pm (following confessions)

3:30pm on Saturdays (before the 4pm Mass)

6:30am on Sundays (before the 7am Mass)

Anyone who would like to say a decade is always welcome!



AMERICA NEEDS
FATIMA

America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Carter Park on Main St., Leominster (across from St. Leo's Church) on Saturday, October 11th at 12 Noon (if inclement weather, will be in St. Leo's Church).

Let us join in, as across America the rosary will be prayed at that time frame. The rosary is our greatest weapon against evil which is especially needed now.

Please feel free to bring chairs if needed. For more information, please call Laura Casey at 508-331-5888.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



YOU AND YOUR PETS
(goldfish, hamsters, birds, cats, dogs, etc.)
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TO THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS
IN HONOR OF
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
IN THE PARK NEXT TO THE RECTORY
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 12:15PM



LAST WEEKEND'S
PARISH
COLLECTIONS
TOTALED
\$7,065.

**SCRATCH TICKET EXTRAVAGANZA
RAFFLE WINNERS**

Fifty \$30 - Marie Boucher

Fifty \$10 - Vern and Tina Leger

Fifty \$5 - Marie Boucher

Fifty \$2 - Lillian Blanchette

Fifty \$1 - Sadie Gauthier

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



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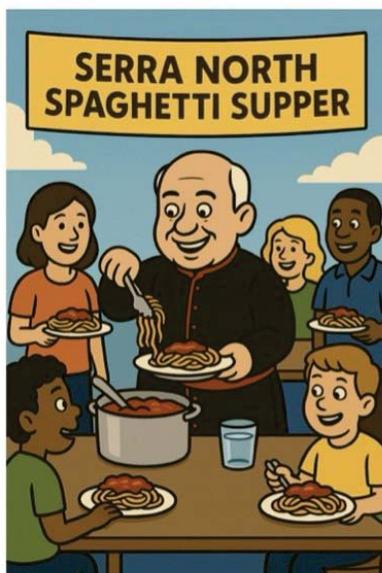
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Wednesday, October 8th



6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Pope Leo XIV

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Bishop Robert J. McManus

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OCTOBER 16

NOVEMBER 15

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An Opportunity to Put Your used Clothing on Someone Else's Back!

Cleaning out your closets? You can now bring used clothing donations to the parking lot behind the church where we have partnered with **Saint Pauly Textile Inc.**, to provide a wood-frame clothing drop-off shed for the Leominster community.

This shed is designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. Saint Pauly Textile, Inc. partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where **they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. Saint Cecilia's receives funding for donated clothing.**

With over 1,600 clothing drop-off sheds in place, Saint Pauly Textile, Inc. collects over 175,000 pounds of clothing a day and estimates that this clothing ends up in forty-four different countries (including the United States) yearly. In 2024, the company was able to help keep over sixty-four million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 7.8 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases and stuffed animals.

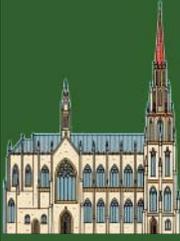




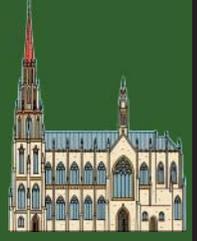
Recently we held our annual **BINGO BANQUET**, celebrating our incredibly dedicated BINGO WORKERS. We owe them a great debt of gratitude and should all thank God for their dedication, week in and week out, in keeping our parish financially sustainable!

Thanks to the SUPER BINGOS which these dedicated folks recently ran, we now have a new Bingo caller machine and all new large monitors. God bless each one of them and those whom they love!





THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday September 27 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 216*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Romeo Pelletier (23rd anniv.), by Del and family (Church)
 6:30pm Benefit for St. Cecilia's Parish - Songs in the Key of Love Performance by "The Fugue" of the Montachusett Chorale (Leominster City Hall)

Sunday September 28 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 216*

7:00am Mass for Lynn (Maxfield) Boyce (3rd anniv.), by her cousin, Larry Gladding (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Madeleine Notturmo, by the family (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for William "Bill" McDonald (8th anniv.), by his father and family (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday September 29 Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

9:00am Mass for Norman Vautour, by Yvonne Richard (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:15pm Religious Education for Grades 7 through 10 (Parish Center)

Tuesday September 30 Saint Jerome

9:00am Mass for Santos Pedroza, by the family (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:00pm Confirmation Class (Parish Center)

Wednesday October 1 Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

9:00am Mass for Victor Amenta, Jr., by Carol (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Charles and Mildred Bilodeau, by last will (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday October 2 The Holy Guardians

9:00am Mass for Father Robert E. Gariepy, by last will (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 October 3 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Edmond Casey, by the family (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 October 4 Saint Francis of Assisi

9:00am Mass for Donald Carter (3rd anniv.), by the family (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday October 4 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 218*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
 3:30pm In honor of Mary's month, please join us as we pray the Rosary (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Richard H.J. Brow, by the family (Church)
 5:00-7:00pm Serra North Spaghetti Supper to benefit seminarians and to promote all vocations to the priesthood (Parish Center)

Sunday October 5 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 218*

6:30am In Honor of Mary's month, please join us as we pray the Rosary (Church)
7:00am Mass for Paul Tessier, by Mr. & Mrs. James W. Provo (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for John Daelhousen (2nd anniv.), by his wife (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Bertha Gauthier, by Al and Terry and Anne Marie and Jean Noel (Church)
 12:15pm Blessing of Animals in honor of Saint Anthony of Assisi (in the park next to the rectory)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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