

Saint Cecilia Parish



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is finally Autumn, and the leaves, like the flowers before them, have started to die and to fall to the ground. It's dark when we get up and pretty dark when we go to sleep. And it's getting colder.

It's a rather appropriate setting for us to celebrate "All Souls' Day," next Sunday. It's more formal name is the "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed." For that is what we do. We pray for all those who have died.

Elsewhere in this bulletin, the names of all the people who have died in the past year are listed, and we will pray for each of them at the 11:15am Mass at the cemetery on Sunday. I recommend each of them to your prayers, as well.

We pray for them because we believe that Death does not end our relationships. We still owe them something, even after we walk from their graves. In a debt of love we owe them our prayers, that God will forgive whatever sins they may have committed and lead them home to himself.

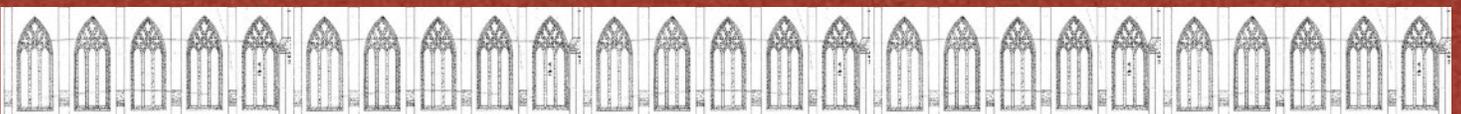
For, as Saint Augustine once preached: "...there is no doubt that the dead are helped by the prayers of the Holy Church, by the saving sacrifice, and by alms dispensed for their souls; these things are done that they may be more mercifully dealt with by the Lord than their sins deserve. The whole Church observes the custom handed down by our fathers: that those who died within the fellowship of Christ's body and blood should be prayed for when they are commemorated in their own place at the holy sacrifice, and that we should be reminded that this sacrifice is offered for them as well.... people whose love for their dead is spiritual as well as physical should pay much greater, more careful and more earnest attention to those things – sacrifices, prayers, and almsgiving – which can assist those who though their bodies may be dead, to be alive in the spirit."

Sadly, this is not what most of the world believes. They seek not so much a Funeral Mass, a holy and living sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins, but a "Celebration of Life," which is meant to look back and rejoice in what has been, with little mention of what will be. But All Souls' Day reminds us that Catholics look forward, with confidence in God's mercy and knowing that he hears our prayers for the dead. That's why we offer Mass for them and pray for their immortal souls.

It's why we pray this week, and every week: "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



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 ileen A. Farineau
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 Elinor L. Haaker
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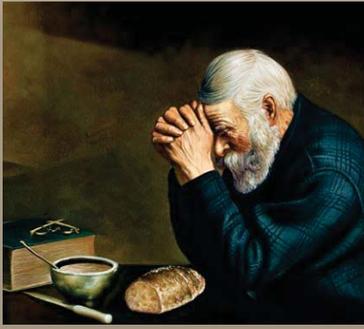
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**ETERNAL REST
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 THEM, O LORD!**



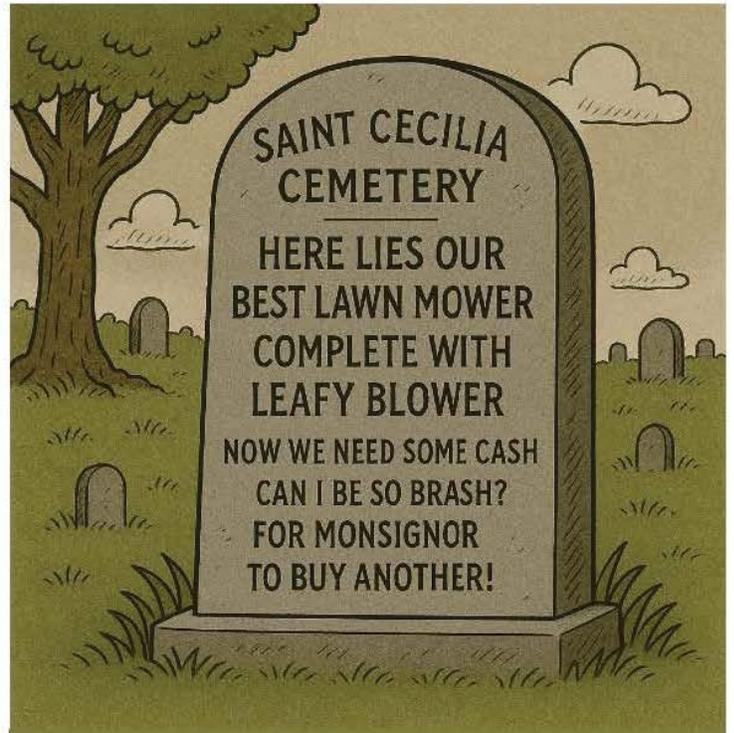


PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Barbara Casey, Al Lamoureux, Connie Aubuchon, Ann Murphy, Helen St. Germaine, Janet Baron, Rosemarie (Albert) Orr, Mark Rohoc, Lisa Stacy, Steve Augat, Lindsey Booth and Judith Melanson.

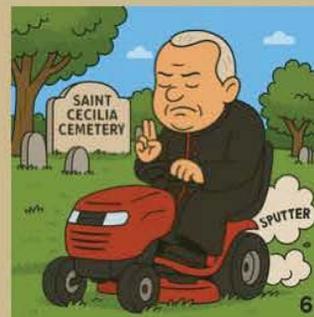
Join us in praying for those who have died recently. Pray for their families, as well, that they may be consoled by the promises of Christ.

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.



Commercial grade lawn mowers last a long time. In our case, we got almost twenty years out of the cemetery lawn mower, which in summertime can run for 8-10 hours a day. But sadly (ironically) our cemetery lawnmower just died, with a couple weeks left to the growing season!

So, we need \$16,500 (a great deal, thanks to Denis!) to buy a new commercial grade lawn mower! If there's anyway you can help defray part of this unanticipated expense, I would (as always) be very very grateful. Thanks, as always, for thinking about your favorite little church on French Hill!



Monsignor Moroney



**LAST WEEKEND'S
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The St. Cecilia Conference of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society will
once again be hosting our
Christmas Giving Tree.

If you know of a parishioner who
could use some extra help in making
Christmas a little cheerier, please have
them call **351-356-4733** and leave
a message with their name and
phone number and one of our
members will return their call.

In addition, we will also have tags
on the tree for The Guild of
St. Agnes Child Care Centers and
the Diocesan Seminarians.

Deadline for requests is November 15th.

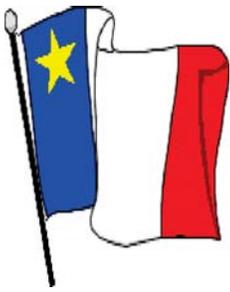
A reminder for those
who would like to join
Father Shaughnessy for
a day of pilgrimage to
six of the other pilgrim
churches on Thursday,
November 6th, the
deadline to let us know
is this Monday, October
27th. The cost for the trip is \$30 per person which
covers food and transportation. Please call Adam
Cormier at 978-537-6541 or email him at
adminassist@stceciliachurch.net for more
information.



Here's a sneak peek into our Christmas in Acadia Silent Auction

Celtics Tickets
Bruins Tickets
Garmin Health Tracker
Coach Bag
Kate Spade Bag
And much More!





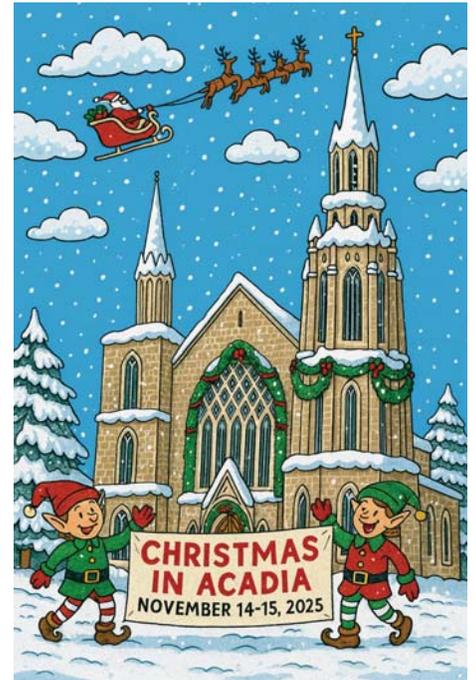
Christmas In Acadia "2025" at St. Cecilia's

Friday, Nov. 14th and Saturday, Nov. 15th

ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

We know you receive many appeals from many worthy groups. Why is this one different?

The funds raised for this Fair go directly to the support of **your Parish**. One of the Christmas in Acadia Fair's primary sources of support is the voluntary booth sponsorship. You can help this meaningful Parish function with a \$100 donation which is tax deductible and is important to our success. In return we will prominently display a sign with your Company name or a private name as a booth sponsor. Whether your business is small or large, all businesses are welcome to help in this worthwhile fundraiser. Can we please count on you? For more information, contact BettyAnn at the Rectory 978-537-6541 or email bettyann@stceciliachurch.net.



CHRISTMAS IN ACADIA - SERVICE AVAILABILITY FORM - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK...

Yes, I am willing to offer one or more hours of service to my parish.

Name (s): _____

Telephone Number: _____ Good Time to Call Me: _____

I Prefer To Work: _____ I Have No Preference: _____
(Booth/Area)

Availability: (check ALL that apply and return this form to the Rectory or in the collection basket)

Hall & Booth Set Up _____ Decorating Booths _____

Booth Area during Fair: Fri., 11/14 _____ Sat., 11/15, _____

During the week of the Fair: Poutines _____ Kitchen _____

Attention National Honor Society Students our Christmas In Acadia Fair is in **need** of volunteers!!! This would be a **GREAT** opportunity to fulfill your **Community Service** hours. Contact BettyAnn by calling 978-537-6541 or by email at bettyann@stceciliachurch.net.



Youth Volunteer

Here are some QR Code Links to Sign Up to Volunteer for the Christmas in Acadia Fair



Adult Volunteer

Due to the generosity of so many parishioners, year after year, we are blessed to keep our Fair “Christmas in Acadia” expenses to a minimum. Are you looking to make a donation this year? Here are a few suggestions for you...



Silent Auction Booth - Un-used gift cards, art work, get-a-way weekend, and sports jerseys, jackets or memorabilia.

Teen Area --- could use new items such as electronics, music, clothing, games, accessories, jewelry, gift cards, etc...

Theme Baskets - Ideas: Cleaning Basket, Pet Basket, Toy Basket (girl, boy), Hair Beauty Supplies, Scratch Ticket Basket, etc.



Handmade With Love Booth - We are in need of handmade articles such as afghans, mittens, ornaments, stocking-stuffers, small handmade crafts, etc.

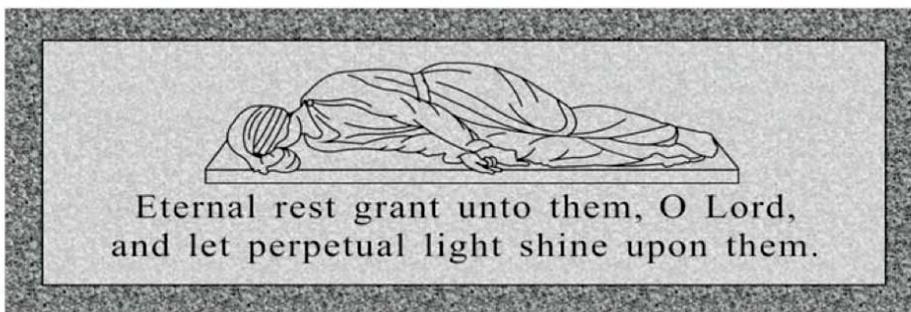
Acadian Auction And Pot Luck - We are accepting any new gifts, small and large, as well as monetary donations. A few suggestions may be gift cards, small kitchen appliances, children’s toys, tools, etc...

Your donations are gratefully appreciated and may be dropped off at the rectory during office hours. If you would like your item donated to a specific booth, please label accordingly. Thanks!!

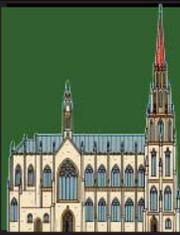
POUTINE MAKERS MEETING

This Wednesday, October 29th at 11am we will have a brief poutine meeting in preparation of our upcoming Christmas in Acadia Fair. If you are a poutine maker, please make every effort to join us for this meeting in the parish center lower hall.

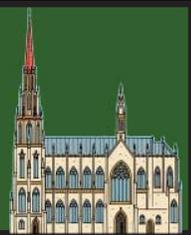
FREE BURIAL OF CREMATED REMAINS



Just a reminder that, at the conclusion of the All Souls Mass at the cemetery, we will (free of charge) bury any cremated remains of a deceased loved one which may be in your possession. The cremated remains will be interred in a common burial vault, over which will be placed a flat marker reading simply “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.” While the names of the deceased will not appear on the marker, they will be entered into our cemetery registry on file at the parish. If you would like us to bury the cremated remains of a deceased loved one which are in your possession, please bring them to the Rectory this week.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday October 25 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 224*

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 Georgina Daigle (23rd anniv.), by the family (Church)

Sunday October 26 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 224*

6:30am In Honor of Mary's month, please join us as we pray the Rosary (Church)
7:00am Mass for Robert Doiron, by Dan, Sue, Derek, Taylor and Adelyn (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Patrick Ledden (23rd anniv.), by Cheryl and Patrick (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Lorette E. McDonald (22nd anniv.), by her husband, Gerald and family (Church)
 1:00 Baptism of Carmello Lawrence Willis and Charlotte Kathleen Valeri (Church)
 3:00pm Montachusett Chorale Rehearsal (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday October 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of Plourde and Brow families by last will (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:15pm Religious Education for Grades 7 through 10 (Parish Center)

Tuesday October 28 Saints Simon and Jude

9:00am Mass for Margarita Melanson, by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday October 29 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Marie Richard, by Yvonne Richard (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Pius Yun, by the family (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday October 30 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Eduardo Pedroza, by the family (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 31 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Kevin 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 November 1 All Saints

9:00am Mass for Charles and Mildred Bilodeau, by last will (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday November 1 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 228*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Claire Quiet, by the family (Church)

Sunday November 2 All Souls' Day *Breaking Bread, page 228*

7:00am Mass for Sylvia LeBlanc (40th anniv.), by Anne Marie and Roger Goguen (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Roger Champagne(7th anniv.), by Helen, Brian and family (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Evelyn Bergeron, by the family (at Cemetery weather permitting or Church)
 1:00 Baptism of Jaxon Douglas Harris and Liam Brian Reilly (Church)
 3:00pm Montachusett Chorale Hour of Remembrance with Sacred Music and the Spoken Word (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

All Souls' Day

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