

**CHRISTMAS
IN ACADIA**
NOVEMBER 14-15, 2025

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WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters:

Next week's bulletin will contain our annual financial report, but I wanted to speak this week about a particular aspect of our finances which is worthy of a column all on its own. I know of no parish, other than this one, where 27% of the income comes from fundraising, and another 13% from the gifts of generous benefactors.

That is because of all the hours you volunteer to raise funds to keep the heat and lights on and the water from leaking through the roof. Each person who learns more about the faith, each baby who is baptized, each Mass that is celebrated in memory of our beloved deceased and each and every moment of our pastoral life is due to your generous work.

With just a few days to go before Christmas in Acadia begins, I think of people eyeing potatoes early in the morning, of the guys running them through the mashers and ricers and those bags spinning in the washing machines to drain the moisture. Then there are those lines of expert poutine formers, wrapping the balls of potato and salt pork and boiling them to perfection. Not to mention those who make the rapeé and the endless number of meatballs and meat pies. The raffles (did you buy your major raffle ticket yet?) and the booths of hand crafted items and baked goods, etc. etc. There are the kids playing the games and the flea market larger than some department stores. But what strikes me the most is the scores of folks who for years (welcome to the new volunteers as well) who have been putting up and breaking down the booths and counting the money and making all this work!

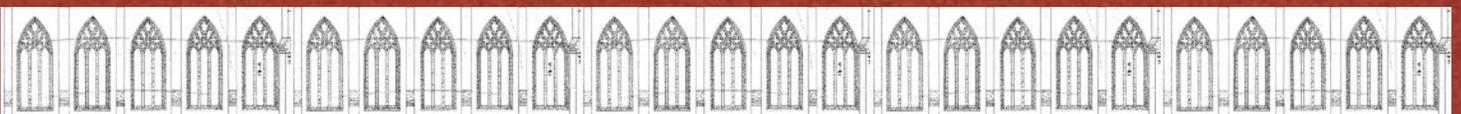
And that's once a year! Then there are the BINGO workers who are there every Friday night, calling numbers, cooking hot dogs and serving food, counting money and selling tickets, and last week, running a great fun Halloween costume contest! The witch, by the way, flew off on her new Dyson vacuum cleaner!!! Which is not even to mention the spring flea market and the calendar and scratch ticket raffles and all the other efforts that help to keep us afloat. I just want to say thank you. Because I really mean it. It's one thing to write a check or put a big bill in the collection. I am always grateful for that. But it's an extraordinary thing to work for four or more hours straight when you've been working all week long and can think of so many more enjoyable things to be doing.

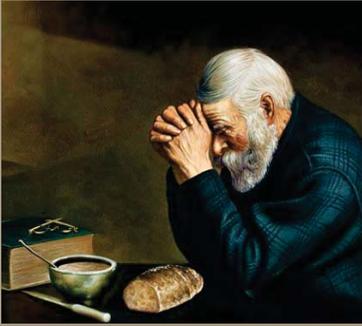
But then you think of the folks who built this place during the depression, and the ones who kept it open during the great World War and the craziness of the sixties and the times when people told us we couldn't afford to keep this church going. But you have proved them wrong. And I could not be prouder of you for that.

So, maybe *thank you* is not enough, but I don't know of what stronger words to use, except to say that I thank God for you and for all you do for our little church on French Hill. God bless you all!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





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

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.



**LAST WEEKEND'S
PARISH COLLECTIONS
TOTALED \$7,818.**

WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE AT CHRISTMAS IN ACADIA

Kids' Stuff

- Santa's Pool Party
- Snowball Toss
- Face Painting
- Sports Wheel
- Coupon Booth
- Free Kids Christmas Crafts (Friday 5:30-7)
- Free Picture with Santa (Sat 2:30-4:30)



SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

- 1pm LouAnn's Christmas Line Dancers
- 4:30pm Singalong Christmas Caroling with Annette



Just Tying Up Some Loose Ends for This Year's Christmas in Acadia Fair! Calling All Elves!!

We are still in need of volunteers it's not too late. Just call the rectory this week and we will sign you up.

For those who have not yet donated, we are still in need of new items for some of the booths. In particular, we could use more gift cards, which always bring in several times their face value. If you can help, please drop off donations at the rectory this week preferably by Wednesday so we can distribute them to the booth chairperson.



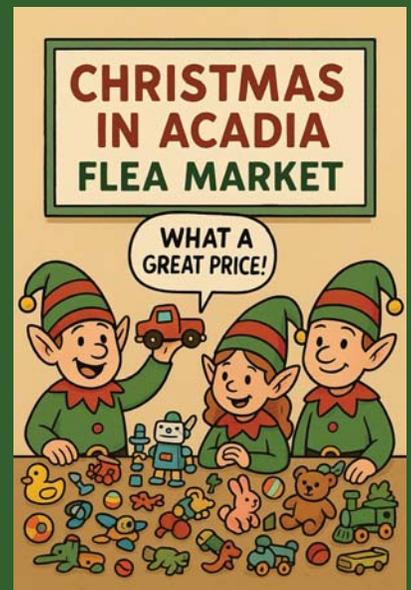
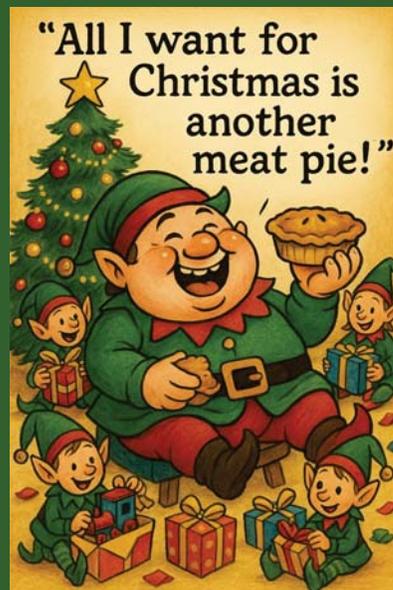
**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
For all you have done and for all you will do!**

Attention Bakers

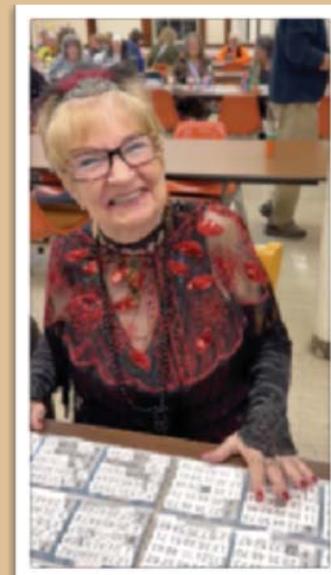


Apples And Pie Tins may be picked on the rectory back porch immediately after all Masses **this** weekend. Apples may be used to make apple crisp, apple sauce, apple butter, apple cakes or cupcakes, apple turnovers, caramel apples and apple pies. Would you like to make apple pies or apple crisp but don't have time to bake, we can help, just drop off unbaked on Thursday from 11am to 2pm to Jeannine in the downstairs kitchen (enter through back kitchen door). The Pie Booth also needs a variety of pies such as pumpkin, squash, blueberry, strawberry, cherry and custard. The baked goods booth requires a large number of sugar-free options, fresh bread, fudge with and without nuts, cakes, cookies and a variety of pastries. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Thursday from 9:30am to 1:30pm (use center stairs on Third St. to upper hall) or Friday beginning at 3:00pm.

**HERE'S A FEW MORE THINGS
YOU'LL FIND AT THE
CHRISTMAS IN ACADIA FAIR
AND MUCH MORE!**



HALLOWEEN BINGO COSTUME COMPETITION

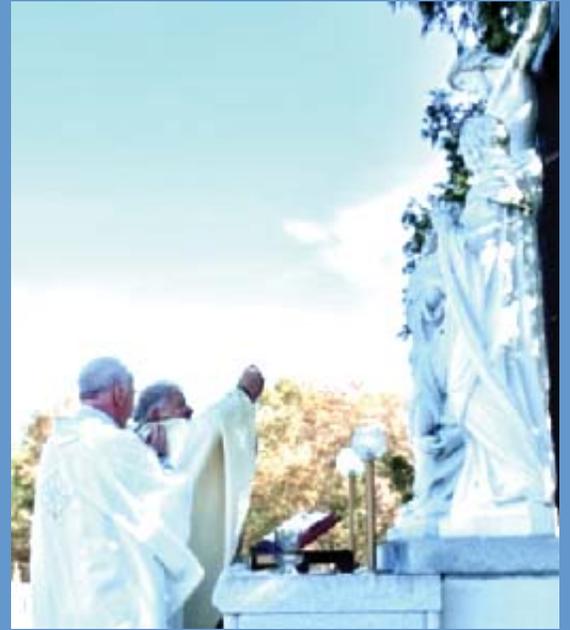




Congratulations to Liam Brian Reilly and Jaxon Douglas Harris who were Baptized last weekend!



Thanks to the Montachusett Chorale, which presented a wonderful Program of Music and the Spoken Word for All Souls Day!



ALL SOULS DAY
MASS AT THE CEMETERY
AND INTERNMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS





THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday November 8 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 230*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Ovila (53rd anniv.) and Lucille (13th anniv.) Richard, by their children (Church)

Sunday November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica *Breaking Bread, page 230*

7:00am Mass for Bertin LeBlanc (1st anniv.), by his wife, Ginette and family (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Lester and Alice Lamothe, by their daughters (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Kelsey Clifford (6th anniv.), by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday November 10 Saint Leo the Great

9:00am Mass for Joseph and Pauline LeBreton, by the family (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:15pm Religious Education for Grades 7 through 10 (Parish Center)

Tuesday November 11 Saint Martin of Tours (Veterans Day)

9:00am Mass for Breana Gallant, by her grandmother, Irene (St. Pierre) Miller (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday November 12 Saint Josaphat

9:00am Mass for Betty Shepard, by Wil Gariepy (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Father Michael J. Roy (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday November 13 Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

9:00am Mass for Georgette Beliveau, by Florian Beliveau (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 November 14 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of Kinsey and Fredette families, by Linda (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 5:00-8:00pm Christmas in Acadia Fair (Parish Center)

Saturday November 15 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Father Ralph DiOrio(Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 Noon-6:00pm Christmas in Acadia Fair (Parish Center)

Saturday November 15 Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Rickie Daigle (44th anniv.), by the family (Church)

Sunday November 16 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

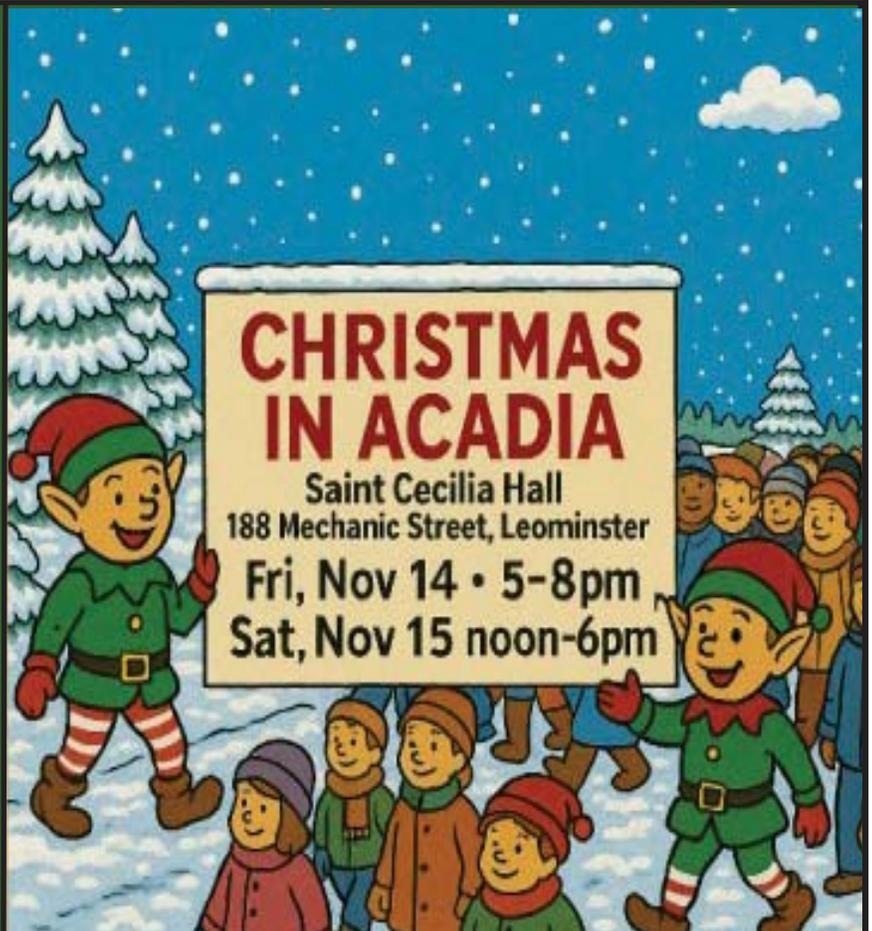
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7:00am Mass for Angele Vincent (1st anniv.), by Nicole and Val Goguen (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Raymond P. LeBlanc, by the family (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Paul Hamel (15th anniv.), by his family(Church)
 1:00 Baptism of Cora Christina Lyons (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Our Famous Poutines and Rápée This Week



Poutines will be sold on Tuesday from 2-6pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am-6pm and during the Fair, *while they last!* For take out orders, please, bring your own containers, pots are much safer for hot poutines. Rápée will be sold on Thursday, starting at 2pm and during the Fair.





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