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Dear brothers and sisters,

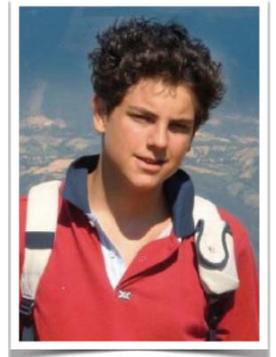
We are all still exhausted by the incredible success of our annual church fair, Christmas in Acadia. Thanks to everyone who made it such a wonderful success. We will publish the report on just how successful we were just as soon as we have added up all the numbers!

This week you will notice depictions of two of our newest Saints in the shrine area to the right of the sanctuary. **Saints Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis** were young people (one was 24, the other 15 when they died!) who were canonized by Pope Leo XIV on 7 September 2025.

Here is what the Holy Father said about both saints on that day:

Pier Giorgio encountered the Lord through school and church groups — Catholic Action, the Conferences of Saint Vincent, the FUCI (Italian Catholic University Federation), the Dominican Third Order — and he bore witness to God with his joy of living and of being a Christian in prayer, friendship and charity. This was so evident that seeing him walking the streets of Turin with carts full of supplies for the poor, his friends renamed him “Frassati Impresa Trasporti” (Frassati Transport Company)! Even today, Pier Giorgio’s life is a beacon for lay spirituality. For him, faith was not a private devotion, but it was driven by the power of the Gospel and his membership in ecclesial associations. He was also generously committed to society, contributed to political life and devoted himself ardently to the service of the poor.

Carlo, for his part, encountered Jesus in his family, thanks to his parents, Andrea and Antonia — who are here today with his two siblings, Francesca and Michele — and then at school, and above all in the sacraments celebrated in the parish community. He grew up naturally integrating prayer, sport, study and charity into his days as a child and young man.



Both Pier Giorgio and Carlo cultivated their love for God and for their brothers and sisters through simple acts, available to everyone: daily Mass, prayer, and especially Eucharistic Adoration. Carlo used to say: ‘In front of the sun, you get a tan. In front of the Eucharist, you become a saint!’ And again: ‘Sadness is looking at yourself; happiness is looking at God. Conversion is nothing more than shifting your gaze from below to above; a simple movement of the eyes is enough.’ Another essential practice for them was frequent Confession. Carlo wrote: ‘The only thing we really have to fear is sin;’ and he marveled because — in his own words — ‘people are so concerned with the beauty of their bodies and do not care about the beauty of their souls.’ Finally, both had a great

devotion to the saints and to the Virgin Mary, and they practiced charity generously. Pier Giorgio said: ‘Around the poor and the sick, I see a light that we do not have.’¹ He called charity ‘the foundation of our religion’ and, like Carlo, he practiced it above all through small, concrete gestures, often hidden, living what Pope Francis called ‘a holiness found in our next-door neighbors.’

Even when illness struck them and cut short their young lives, not even this stopped them nor prevented them from loving, offering themselves to God, blessing him and praying to him for themselves and for everyone. One day Pier Giorgio said: ‘The day of my death will be the most beautiful day of my life.’² In his last photo, which shows him climbing a mountain in the Val di Lanzo, with his face turned towards his goal, he wrote: ‘Upwards.’

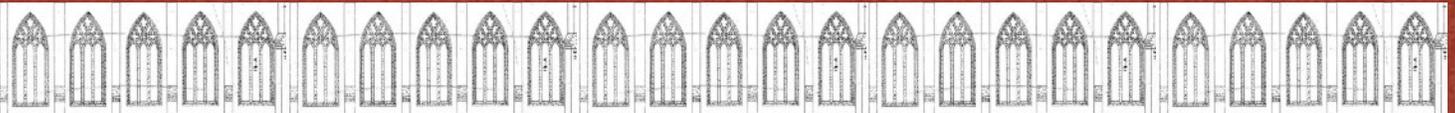
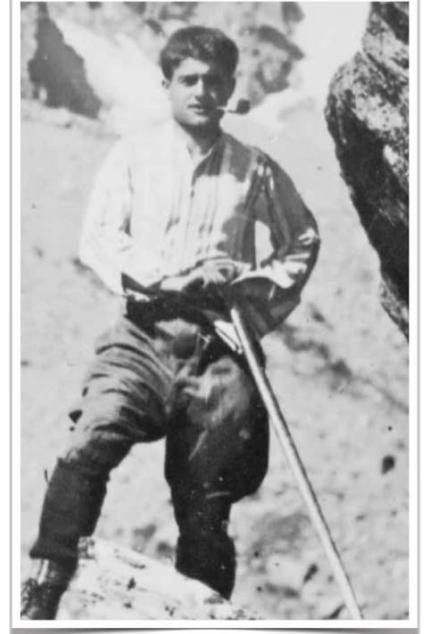
Moreover, Carlo, who was even younger than Pier Giorgio, loved to say that heaven has always been waiting for us, and that to love tomorrow is to give the best of our fruit today. Dear friends, Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces.

They encourage us with their words: ‘Not I, but God,’ as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: ‘If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach the end.’ This is the simple but winning formula of their holiness. It is also the type of witness we are called to follow, in order to enjoy life to the full and meet the Lord in the feast of heaven.”

Saints Giorgio and Carlo, pray for us!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



¹ Nicola Gori, Al prezzo della vita: *L'Osservatore Romano*, 11 February 2021.

² Irene Funghi, I giovani assieme a Frassati: un compagno nei nostri cammini tortuosi: *Avvenire*, 2 August 2025.



And the winners are....

Kathleen Senior

Anne Marie Bernard

Tim Beauchemin

Larry Gladding

SCRATCH TICKETS

Julie Roy

THANKGIVING WHEELBARROW

Gary Glenny

CHRISTMAS CASH (50/50)

Friday: Gloria Rivera

Saturday: Jessica Notaro

SPORTS WHEEL

Lego Flatbed Truck: Bobbie Gudder

Lego Magical Unicorn: Danielle Case

Glitter Headphones: Arielyz Rivera

Back to Back Vintage Basketball: Teagan Maillet

Minecraft Headphones: Kia Stitch Karaoke Mic: Emily DeLong

Basketball Wall Hoop: Jack Sparks ESPN Soccer Ball: Brianna Pena

Playground Ball: George Cole Bluetooth Earbuds: Adam Cordio

Lite Brite: Danny Cordio Glow in the Dark Hockey Set: Danny Cordio

Playbook Football: Chad Lawrence Junk Ball & Bat Set: J Curtis

DSG Basketball: Adam Cordio Sky Viper Drone: J Curtis

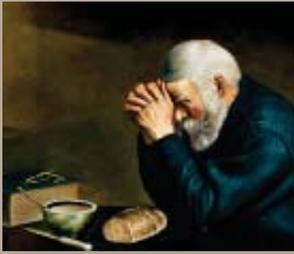
Craft Bracelet Set: Mia Hot Wheels Racetrack: Lisa Centarrino

Tony Hawk Skateboard: Lily

Patriot Hats: J Curtis and Georgette Maillet



MORE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN



PRAY WITH US!

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

Join us in praying for those who have died recently, especially; Phyllis Martin. 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.



This year's Giving Trees are once again decorated with tags benefiting local families, pre-school children from The Guild of St. Agnes, diocesan seminarians, women and children in recovery, and gift cards that assist local families and individuals throughout the year. Gift cards for seminarians can be mailed to the address on the envelope. All other gift cards can be placed in the box near the trees. Gifts can be placed, unwrapped with the tag attached, under or near the Christmas trees on the weekends. Please return your gifts no later than the weekend of December 13th and 14th so they can be distributed to the families in plenty of time for Christmas. God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Last chance to purchase your tickets for the Ladies of St. Anne Christmas Party on December 7th at 12:30pm.

Members \$20 and Non Members \$22.

Price includes appetizers, beverage, chicken or fish dinner and dessert.

All women are all welcome.

Deadline for tickets Tuesday, Nov. 25th.

If interested, contact Anne Marie Bernard or call the rectory.



**LAST WEEKEND'S
PARISH
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TOTALLED \$6,361.**







THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday November 22 Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Phyllis and Tessa Tata, by a friend (Church)

Sunday November 23 Christ the King

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7:00am Mass for Mr. & Mrs. James E. Provo, by their children (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Judy Renda (4th anniv.), by her family (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Zachary Constant (13th anniv.), by Mom and Dad (Church)
 1:00 Baptism of Summer Ryan Boucher and Chase Adam Boucher (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday November 24 Saint Andrew Dông Lac

9:00am Mass for Dr. Richard T. Secino (6th anniv.), by his wife (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:15pm Religious Education for Grades 7 through 10 (Parish Center)

Tuesday November 25 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Paul Roy (6th anniv.), by Jeannette and Lesley (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday November 26 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Romeo Poirier (3rd anniv.), by his wife, Lillian (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 Walter J. Riley (1st anniv.) (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday November 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00am Mass for Betty Shepard, by Wil Garipey (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday November 28 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Georgette Belliveau, 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 Doors Open at 4:00pm; Games start at 6:30pm (Parish Center)

Saturday November 29 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Sally Ledden (1st anniv.), by Cheryl and Patrick (Chapel)
9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday November 29 Vigil

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Lucille (24th anniv.) and Lee Tucker (2nd anniv.) by the family (Church)

Sunday November 30 First Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass for Richard Gladding (6th anniv.), by his cousin, Larry Gladding (Church)
9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Antoine Pitre (47th anniv.), by Gerald C. McDonald and family (Church)
9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Arthur Raymond Marcoux, by Madeleine (Church)
6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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