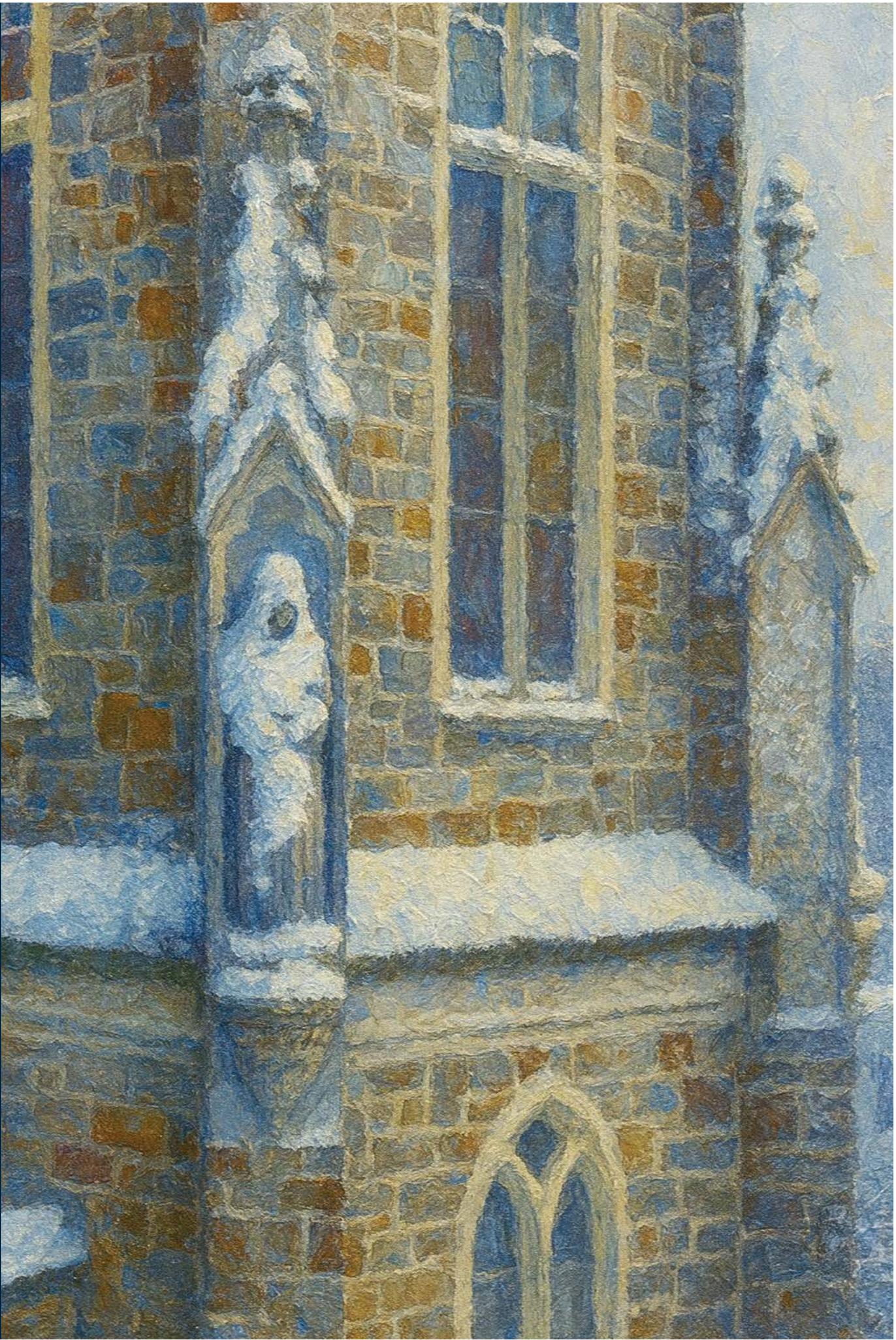


S
A
I
N
T
C
E
C
I
L
I
A



SAINT CECILIA PARISH

170 Mechanic Street, Leominster, Massachusetts 01453 — 978-537-6541 — stceciliachurch.net

Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 10am to 3pm.



Monsignor James P. Moroney

msgr@stceciliachurch.net

pastor



Father Paul Shaughnessy, SJ

father@stceciliachurch.net

parochial vicar



BettyAnn Harrington

bettyann@stceciliachurch.net

executive assistant



Paula Doucet

Pd@stceciliachurch.net

director of religious education



Adam Cormier

adminassist@stceciliachurch.net

administrative assistant



Patricia Secino

psecino@stceciliachurch.net

director of continuing education



David Lasky

davelasky@msn.com

director of music



Denis Leger

property manager



Claire Neas

cantor@stceciliachurch.net

cantor



Jamie Camire

rectory cook

Deacon Ronald J. Aubuchon, Deacon emeritus

Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass 4:00pm Saturday, Sunday Masses at 7:00am, 9:45am and 11:15am.

Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 9:00am; Wednesday at 6:00pm.

Sacrament of Penance: Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 9:30am, Saturday at 9:30am and 3:00pm.

Rosary: Monday through Friday at 3:00pm; Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday and Friday from 9:30am to noon.



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

As the year draws to a close there are three “housekeeping” items in this week’s bulletin to which I want to draw your attention.

The first is our annual Financial Report. It reports on your extraordinary generosity in financial gifts and your volunteering of so many hours to support our pastoral and fundraising activities, and your incredible support of our parish through your prayers. As you will see, we are growing all the time! This is the great good news! But it also means that our needs grow, as well. Despite all our cost cutting in recent years (last year our income increased by 4% and expenses fell by 3%) everything from utilities (\$142,000 a year), Cathedralium and Diocesan Expenses (\$15,000 a month) and continued capitol expenses for restoration of the Church building, make real demands on us every week.

That’s why I also include an “End of Year Appeal,” for your kind consideration. Maybe you will want to make a special Christmas Gift to our good works, or maybe you’d like an extra tax deduction for next year’s 1040! In any case, anything you can spare in addition to all the generous gifts you have already given is deeply appreciated.

Finally, I’d like to say something about data. Good data helps us to make good decisions and to plan. That’s the main reason for maintaining a good census with your name, numbers, address and vital information. You will notice an appeal in next week’s bulletin for you to register for our census if you have not already done so. I’d add to that, the request to please update our census whenever you move or change a phone number.

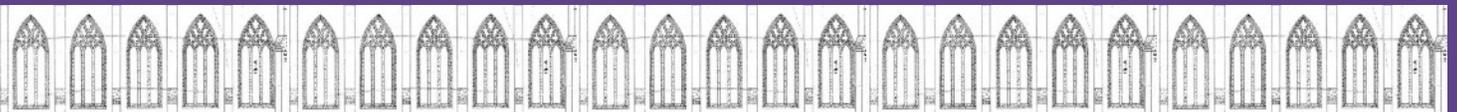
The appeal for data is accompanied by a suggestion that you consider either signing up for Sunday envelopes or, even better, for electronic giving. By doing so, you allow us to track your donations and send you a helpful letter in January reporting on what you gave in the previous year. This helps many folks with preparing their taxes. In any case, please consider either envelopes or online giving... both help a lot!

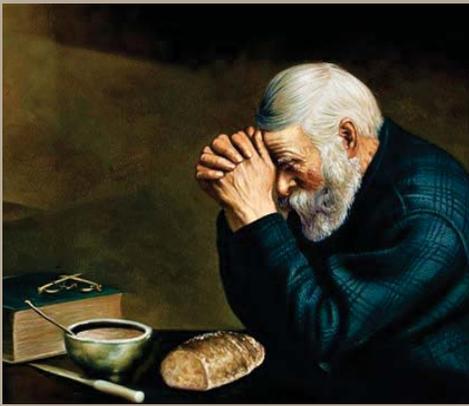
More importantly, I’d remind you that this is a good time to plan to go to confession as you prepare for the celebration of Christmas. You can use the “Mass, Confession and Devotion Finder” in this week’s bulletin to see all the places and times where you can find a priest ready to absolve you in the five churches of our fair city.

You might also begin to make plans to bring someone with you to the Christmas Masses. Can you think of a better gift for the Lord at Christmas than leading one of his sheep back to the fold?! And Christmas is such a perfect time to invite either a friend, a relative or neighbor to come home for Christmas. I will be praying for the success of your efforts!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Bob Allan, Harold LeBlanc, Emily, 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; Marie E. Daly. 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.

Join us this Sunday,
December 14th at 3:00pm
Right here at Saint Cecilia Church for
**A Festival of
Lessons and Carols
for Advent**
with
**The Fugue of the
Montachusett Chorale**
in preparation for the coming of
Christ at Christmas!



**LAST WEEKEND'S
PARISH
COLLECTIONS
TOTALLED \$13,517.**



Christmas Charity Dance – January 3rd

All adults 21+ are invited to a Christmas Charity Dance on Saturday, January 3rd, from 7:00–11:00 PM at Knights of Columbus Hall at 165 Electric Ave in Fitchburg. Enjoy music, dancing, festive décor, and homemade holiday treats. Tickets are \$25, with all proceeds supporting a local pregnancy crisis center. Capacity is limited to 85 guests.

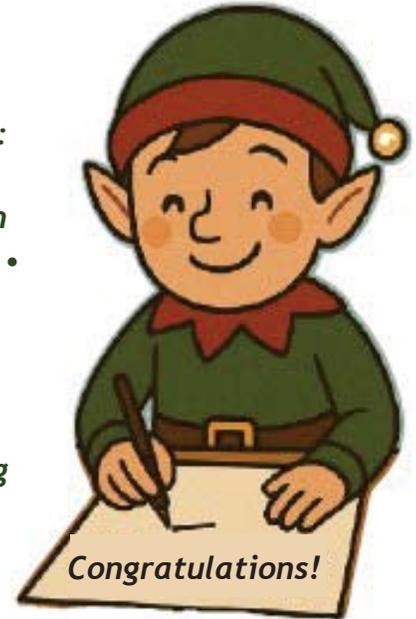
More details and tickets available at: [KofCXmasDance25.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kofcxmasdance25)

MORE CHRISTMAS IN ACADIA RAFFLE WINNERS

THEME BASKETS

Big Christmas: Don LeBlanc • Spa Day: Marcia Harris • Movie Night: Kevin Corria, Jr. • Holiday Assortment: Annette Ingel • Cozy Night Books: Iris Charette • Baby Adventure: Anne Marie • Joy, Joy: Kath Arpone • Car Care: Shannon O'Reilly • Sports Line Up: Cathy DaDah • Farm Fresh Christmas: Judy O'Hare • Girl Basket: Christe Deane • Bright Holiday: Bonnie White • Girl Dog: Kim McDonald • Gnomes: Ellie • Baking Supplies: Rhonda Siciliano • Summer Fun: Michel Vanderbe • Gluten Free: Bernice LeBlanc • Spiderman: Meghan Omagi • Avon: Laura Niles • Scrap Booking: Betty Allen • Gardening for Juveniles: Tom Worthley • Barbeque: Delilah Henry • Tree: Richard LeBlanc

MORE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN



COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**
4pm and MIDNIGHT 9:45am and 11:15am

WELCOME HOME TO SAINT CECILIA CHURCH!

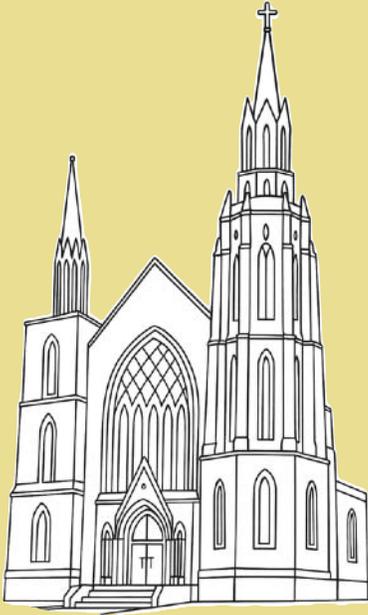


Looking for a Christmas Stocking Stuffer? The St. Cecilia's January Calendar Raffle, thirty-one days of prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 in cash and or gift cards totaling \$5,000 make a great gift! Each calendar is \$15 or three for \$40. Calendars can be purchased at the parish office Monday through Friday from 10am to 3pm, at Friday Night Bingo or give us a call at 978-537-6541 for more information. Good Luck to All!

Annual Finance Report

SAINT CECILIA'S PARISH, LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

December 2025



Dear brothers and sisters,

This is my chance to say thank-you for all the ways you support your favorite little church on French Hill. First, by your prayers and your good works, and then by your financial support of good works of Saint Cecilia parish.

September 1st marked the beginning of our fiscal year, and so, once again, I am able to report on the state of our finances. While we suffered a shortfall of \$107,066 due to missed pledges on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the great good news is that for each of the past four years we have exceeded expectations in collection and gifts from benefactors, while making significant strides in reducing utility expenditures and other major expenses.

And while the gutter and roof bills have continued to be considerable, we are working aggressively to pay this off with grants from outside the parish. But the best news is that the end of waterproofing the building is in sight, and we have the funds in the bank for the restoration of the interior sometime next year.

As I hope that the following pages will give you a more detailed insight into many of these areas, I also want to thank our Finance Committee for helping me to complete this report. But most of all, I thank **you**, for your continuing dedication to and support of our little church on French Hill!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



Where Does Our Income Come From?

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,028,485

The Heart of Our Support

46% — Collections in Church

Week after week, the generosity of our parishioners provides nearly half of our total income. These gifts sustain the liturgy, ministries, and daily operations that bring faith to life in our community.

Fundraising

16% — BINGO

A joyful tradition and vital source of income, our BINGO nights bring together a vibrant community for laughter, fellowship, and much-needed financial support.

11% — Other Fundraisers

From Christmas in Acadia to Raffles and Flea Markets, these events not only raise funds but also strengthen our sense of belonging and shared mission.

Gifts from Benefactors

13% — Extraordinary Generosity

Our benefactors—both from within and outside the parish—make possible many of the parish's special projects and improvements. Their generosity is often quiet but always transformative.

Our Parish Hall at Work

7% — Rental of Space

The Hall serves as both a community hub and a modest source of revenue through rentals for receptions, meetings, and civic events.

In Every Gift, a Story of Faith

Every percentage point represents the love, work, and faith of our parish family—each contribution, large or small, helping to build a vibrant Catholic community.



What Are Our Expenses?

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,132,983.37

The People Who Serve

43% — Salaries and Benefits

Half of our parish expenses support the dedicated staff and clergy who serve our community—teachers, musicians, maintenance personnel, and pastoral workers whose efforts make our ministries possible.

Keeping the Lights On

14% — Utilities

Electricity, heat, water, and technology services ensure that our parish remains a safe, warm, and welcoming place for all who gather here.

Caring for God's House

12% — Building Maintenance and Capitol Expenditures

Our buildings require ongoing care—from roof repairs and snow removal to custodial supplies and safety inspections—to preserve the beauty and integrity of our sacred spaces.

Fueling Our Fundraisers

6% — Fundraising Expenses

Every successful event has costs—printing, supplies, decorations, and licenses—but these investments help generate significant returns that sustain our parish life.

Behind the Scenes

7% — Rectory and Office Expenses

Paper, postage, computers, and communication tools all play a vital role in keeping parish life running smoothly and efficiently. To this we add food, and housekeeping expenses for the rectory.

Religious Education

5% — CCD and Adult Education

At the Heart of Worship

2% — Liturgy Expenses

Candles, vestments, music, and liturgical materials help us celebrate the sacraments with beauty, reverence, and joy.

Diocesan Indebtedness

8% — Shortfall due to unpaid pledges

Two large pledges failed to come through for the new Blessed Sacrament Chapel, resulting in a shortfall that we carried through the end of the year. We have been advised not to pay this from our parish savings, but to gradually pay it off.



Diocesan Expansion Fund

Savings and Indebtedness in the “Diocesan Bank”

Parish Savings

\$110,094

These unrestricted funds are a “rainy day fund,” which is set aside for emergencies, such as a furnace breaking down in winter (a real possibility with the rectory heating system ‘on its’ last legs.)

Repair and Renovation Fund

\$1,683,264

These funds are restricted to Church repair and were acquired from insurance settlements and other monies raised for the restoration of the church building, inside and out.

Exterior Loan Indebtedness

\$1,543,975

This is the total money lent to us by the Diocese of Worcester for the restoration and repair of gutters and roofs. Grant monies are being aggressively pursued to eliminate this debt.

End of Year Diocesan Indebtedness

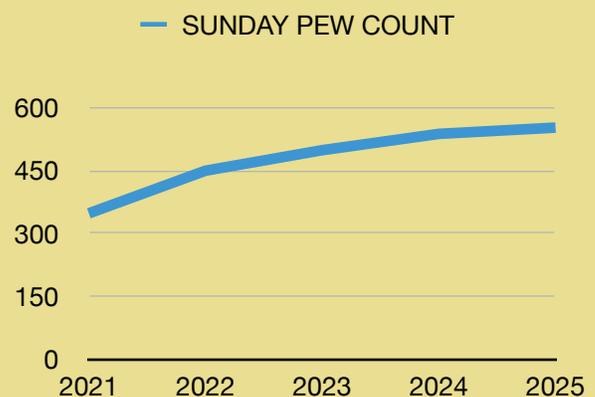
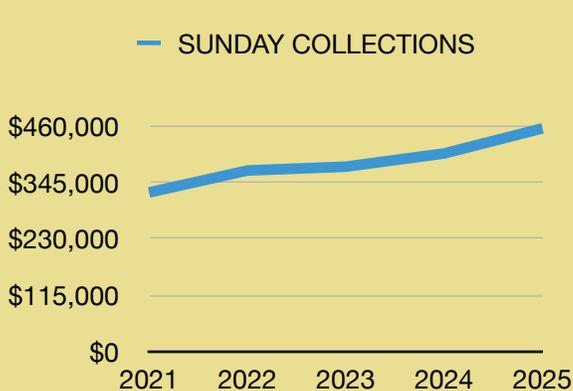
\$107,066

Saint Cecilia Cemetery - Perpetual Care Fund

\$143,195

This fund is made up of a portion of the sales of new cemetery lots. The interest from it is used to supplement the cemetery budget.

Encouraging Trends



Holy, Holy

[Mass for Advent & Lent]

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music © 2011 by David Lasky.

Mystery of Faith

[Mass for Advent & Lent]

David Lasky

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen

Cantor:
A - men, A - men, A - - men!
All:
A - men, A - men, A - - men!

Music © 2011 by David Lasky

Agnus Dei

[Chant]

Graduale Romanum, 1974

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec ca ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec ca ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec ca ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

MUSIC FOR ADVENT

LORD'S DAY MASS FINDER

LEOMINSTER (UPDATED NOVEMBER, 2025)

Saturday

4:00pm - Saint Cecilia, Holy Family, Saint Leo, Saint Anna

5:00pm - Our Lady of the Lake

6:00pm - Holy Trinity Chapel (Spanish)

Sunday

7:00am - Saint Cecilia

7:30am - Saint Leo

8:00am - Holy Family, Saint Anna, Our Lady of the Lake

9:45am - Saint Cecilia

10:00am - Saint Anna

10:15am - Holy Family

10:30am - Our Lady of the Lake

11:00am - Saint Leo

11:15am - Saint Cecilia

12:00pm - Saint Anna (Spanish)

1:00pm - Holy Family (Spanish)

5:30pm - Holy Family

6:00pm - Our Lady of the Lake

6:30pm - Saint Anna (Portugese)

WEEKDAY MASS FINDER

LEOMINSTER

Monday

7:30am - Saint Anna

8:00am - Our Lady of the Lake

8:30am - Saint Leo

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

Tuesday

7:30am - Saint Anna

8:00am - Our Lady of the Lake

7:15pm - Saint Anna (Portugese)

8:30am - Saint Leo

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

Wednesday

7:30am - Saint Anna

8:00am - Our Lady of the Lake

8:00am - Holy Family

8:30am - Saint Leo

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

6:00pm - Saint Cecilia

6:00pm - Holy Family

Thursday

7:30am - Saint Anna

8:00am - Holy Family

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

Friday

8:00am - Holy Family

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

Saturday

9:00am - Saint Cecilia

CONFESSION FINDER

LEOMINSTER

Tuesday

8:15am - Saint Anna

Wednesday

6:30pm - Saint Cecilia

Thursday

9:30am - Saint Cecilia

Friday

7:00pm - Our Lady of Lake

Saturday

9:30am - Saint Cecilia

10:00am - Holy Family

2:30pm - Saint Leo

3pm - Saint Anna, Saint Cecilia

4:00pm - Our Lady of Lake

ADORATION FINDER

LEOMINSTER

Tuesday

8am-10am Saint Anna

Wednesday

8:30am - 6pm- Our Lady of Lake

9:30am-noon - Saint Cecilia

Thursday

5pm-Holy Trinity Chapel

Friday

8:30am-9am - Holy Family

9:30am-noon - Saint Cecilia

Saturday

10am - 10:30am Holy Family



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday December 13 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 40*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Sick and deceased members of the Poirier and Leger families, by Annette and Marcel Leger (Church)

Sunday December 14 Third Sunday of Advent *Breaking Bread, page 40*

:00am Mass for Gerald Allain, by Lisa, Christie, Gail and Ray (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Alfred Bernard (27th anniv.), by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Bertha Gauthier (3rd anniv.), by Rene and family (Church)
 With the Christmas Pageant at the end of Mass
 1:00pm Baptism of Isabelle Tobin Quill (Church)
 3:00pm Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent with The Fugue of the Montachusett Chorale (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday December 15 Advent Weekday

9:00am Mass for Baby Grace, by Linda Kindsey (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:15pm Religious Education for Grades 7 through 10 (Parish Center)

Tuesday December 16 Advent Weekday

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of Plourde and Brow families, by last will (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday December 17 Advent Weekday

9:00am Mass for Michael 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)
6:00pm Mass for Father James J. Caldarella (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday December 18 Advent Weekday

9:00am Mass for Marie Richard, by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday December 19 Advent Weekday

9:00am Mass for Victor Amenta, Jr., by his wife, Carol (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 December 20 Advent Weekday

9:00am Mass for Lien (Theresa) Le, by her family (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday December 20 Vigil

Breaking Bread, page 42

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Martha Eagle (21st anniv.), by the Daigle family (Church)

Sunday December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Breaking Bread, page 42

7:00am Mass for Clarence Quiet, by the family (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Aline (60th anniv.) and Danny (36th anniv.) Albert, 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 Wilfred Richard (16th anniv.), by Anne Marie and Jean Noel (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





THANKS TO THESE SPONSORS WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH YOUR BULLETIN FREE EACH WEEK

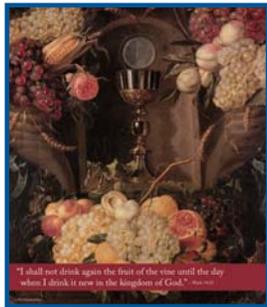
Enjoy the full color bulletin that will change weekly and may feature images to reflect the Gospel of the week or a meaningful Parish event.

To receive this bulletin in your inbox each week
please email signup@pilotbulletins.net

617-779-3770 // www.pilotbulletins.net



Online Bulletin Delivery



Parish Bulletin



To your inbox

Sign Up at www.pilotbulletins.net/sign-up

Receive your Parish Bulletin in your inbox every week.

617-779-3770 // www.pilotbulletins.net

Pittman & Davis
Farm Fresh Gifts Since 1926



REG. \$29.99
NOW \$19.99
+ \$7.99 SHIPPING

SAVE 32%

CALL 1-833-808-1814

PITTMANDAVIS.COM/P6YG26 USE CODE: P6YG26

Good while supplies last. Some restrictions may apply.
Limit 5 tins per customer.

IC: P6YG26

Hale GROVES



SAVE OVER 52%

REG. \$49.99
NOW \$34.99
+ \$7.99 shipping

#483X | HALE SELECT DELUXE GIFT BOX

The ideal gift for fruit and snack lovers alike!

CALL 866-262-6113

HaleGroves.com/H6YG45 Use Code H6YG45

*\$7.99 shipping & handling. Satisfaction completely guaranteed.
This gift ships in December at the peak of freshness.

IC: H6YG45

Better Shelves. Custom Solutions.

Say goodbye to clutter and frustration—wherever it lives. From kitchens and pantries to bathrooms and laundry rooms, **ShelfGenie® custom pull-out shelves** bring smart, accessible storage to every space in your home.

FREE EXPERT DESIGN CONSULTATION

A **\$250** VALUE

ShelfGenie®
EVERYTHING WITHIN REACH™
a neighborly company



Schedule Now by Calling 1-855-625-9032

© 2025 ShelfGenie SPC LLC. All rights reserved. Locally owned and operated franchise. Offer valid at participating locations only. Limit one offer per household. *Applies to Classic and Designer line. EXP 1/31/2026. MA HIC License #165040

Jacuzzi | Bath Remodel

Safety. Style. Stress-Free Installation.

SPECIAL OFFER

Waiving All Installation Costs!

CALL NOW
1.833.791.9968

Add'l terms apply. Offer subject to change and vary by dealer. Expires 12/28/25.



WR

WRIGHT-ROY FUNERAL HOME

109 West Street Leominster
978-534-9372
www.wrightroyfuneralhome.com



CHOICE
INSURANCE GROUP
978-534-8329
165 Mechanic Street Leominster, MA

Parishioners of St. Cecilia's for over 75 years!
Right Coverage. Right Price. Right Choice!
www.choice-insurance.com
choice@choice-insurance.com
Home • Auto • Business • Life

VITELLI MONUMENT CO.
275 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg
978-342-4350
Five Generations of Quality Workmanship
NICHOLAS VITELLI, PRES.
www.vitellimonument.com

...OVER 90 YEARS
Fraticelli Oil & Propane
The Place to Save Heating Dollars
239 LITCHFIELD STREET
LEOMINSTER, MA 01453

"God is Love" 1 John 4:8

Brandon Funeral Home

www.brandonfuneral.com
Kevin J. Mack, Funeral Director
305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg • 978-343-4444

BRIDEAU

SMARTER HEATING & COOLING

978-342-9780
www.BrideauEnergy.com

HEATING OILS, DIESEL FUEL AND 24 HOUR HEATING SERVICE

D&D Waste Removal, LLP
Dumpster Rentals
ATTICS • YARD WASTE • CELLARS
APPLIANCES • GARAGES
CONSTRUCTION • FORECLOSURE
Free Estimates
508-523-9621
djb827@yahoo.com

PROTECT GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS
END ABUSE
END ABORTION
Joe O'Donnell
Tax & Pension
978-840-1040

AD SPACE AVAILABLE
617-779-3771

Marcello's Restaurant
Greek & Italian Cuisine
Dine in/Pick-Up/Delivery
Party Platters/On-Line Orders
27 Airport Rd Fitchburg
(978) 298-9710 | www.Marcellosma.com

Remember to say
"Thank You"
to our
Sponsors
They make this bulletin possible.

- Est. 1988 -
Cristina's Restaurant
314 Central St. Leominster, MA 01453
www.cristinas.net • 978-534-0849

RICHARDSON FUNERAL HOME
106 WEST STREET
LEOMINSTER, MA
978-534-9137
richardsonfh106@gmail.com
www.richardsonfuneralhome.net

THE THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

of SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

Graduate Degree Programs for Laity, Deacons, and Professed Religious



LEARN MORE

SPRING COURSES
REGISTRATION OPEN
Theological Anthropology
Ecclesiology
Liturgy and Sacraments

www.sjs.edu/theological-institute | 617-779-4104

SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Saturday, December 6, 7:00PM
Sunday, December 7, 3:00PM

www.sjs.edu/events

RSVP

