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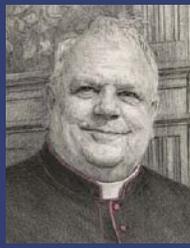
**Weekend Masses:** Vigil Mass 4:00pm Saturday, Sunday Masses at 7:00am, 9:45am and 11:15am.

**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:** Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am to noon.



## WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

As the new year begins, our minds turn naturally to what has been and to what will soon come to be. As it has been God's will in the past, so it will be in the year to come. Indeed, our lives are marked by the seasons of God, the mysteries of the revelation of his love for us.

Which brings to mind an ancient proclamation, sometimes sung this time of year, which announces the dates on which the movable feast of the Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated. A version of this ancient text adapted for the coming year appears on the page following this column.

It recently occurred to me that I have now celebrated each of these feasts over seventy times in my life, and I pray to God that in each of those years my appreciation of these Sacred Mysteries has deepened. Just as at Christmas, a little boy might begin to appreciate God's love for us by the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary for that little baby in her arms, an adolescent might begin to perceive the great good news of our salvation through the glory of the angels, and a young adult might see the importance of his life's work through the eyes of good Saint Joseph. So, through the eyes of the shepherds, the magi and even the ox and the ass in the stable, God shows more deeply to us the mystery of his Incarnation in each of the seasons of our lives.

How has God revealed himself to you in the past year of celebrating these Sacred Mysteries? And how will you open your heart, your mind and your life to a deeper understanding of his plan for you in the year to come?

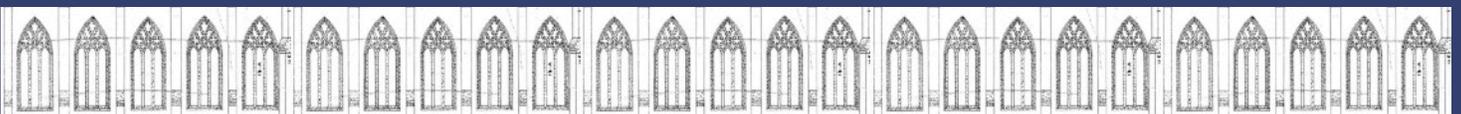
You know, it's not too late for New Years' Resolutions! It's still not too late to make a new start of it in praying more and resolving to pray more deeply, in stopping by the church to sit in quiet before the Blessed Sacrament, or even in going to daily Mass a few times. It's still not too late to work on mending those broken relationships which cause you so much pain, or reading the Bible or finding ways to help the poor. So many ways you can enter more deeply into the wonders of God's love...and so little time!

For we never know how much time God will still give us to do his work on this earth. Which is why we should take advantage of every minute to figure out his will and to do it, which is the only road to happiness in this world and the next.

I look forward to celebrating the wonders of God's love with you in the coming year, as we walk this well-trodden path once again: a road which leads to the one through whom we were made and to the peace which the world cannot give.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of the **Resurrection**, of he who is our Savior.



On the eighteenth day of February will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.



On the day of April fifth you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.



On the day of May fourteenth will be the feast of the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ.



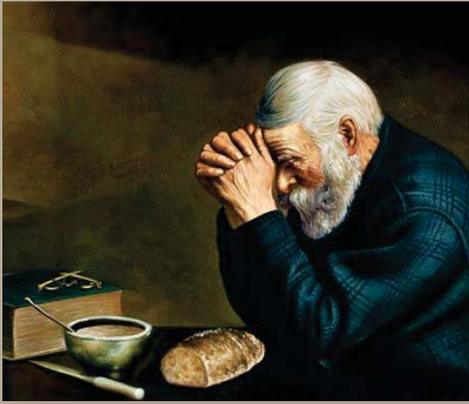
On the **twenty fourth** day of May the feast of **Pentecost**.



On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.



On the **twenty-ninth** day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



## PRAY WITH US!

**Pray for all who are sick, and especially for:** Chase Pieper, Lucille Croteau, Marion Cronin, Albert Thebeau, Richard L., Bob Allan, Harold LeBlanc, Emily, John Richard, Barbara Casey and Al Lamoureux.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently, especially; Rita M. Thomas. 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](mailto:office@stceciliachurch.net) and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.

**LAST WEEKEND'S  
PARISH  
COLLECTIONS  
TOTALLED \$24,159.**



## A Prayer for Claire

As you may know, Claire Neas, our cantor and dear friend, has been facing a health challenge over the past few weeks. We would invite you to join your prayers with so many of her friends who will be praying for her specifically **this Sunday at noontime**. May the Lord smile upon her and grant her his healing and peace!

**Almighty ever-living God,  
eternal health of believers,  
hear our prayers for your servant Claire:  
grant her your merciful help,  
so that, with her health restored,  
she may sing your praises  
in the midst of your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A PERFECT WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR IS BY VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME.  
WE ARE ASKING FOR ONLY A FEW HOURS A MONTH.**



**An Invitation to Serve:  
Become an Altar Server!**

Do you feel called to serve God and His Church in a special way? Our Ministry of Altar Servers welcomes young people (and adults!) who wish to serve the Lord at His altar during Mass. It is our goal to beautify our liturgies by having 3 servers per each Mass.

- **Who Can Join?** Boys and girls who are registered parishioners, have received First Holy Communion, and are in 4th grade or above (ages 9-10+). Adults are also welcome! **We would love to have adult servers at each Mass as well, particularly those who serve at weekday Masses.**
- **What You'll Do:** Assist the priest with the Cross, candles, incense, gifts, and more, helping the community worship reverently.
- **What's Required?** A spirit of prayer, reverence, commitment, and a willingness to learn. You can choose how many times per month you can choose to serve.
- **Training Provided:** No prior experience? No problem! We offer comprehensive training to prepare you for this important role.
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**An Invitation to Serve:  
Become a Friday Night Bingo Volunteer!**

**We are asking for your help, just once a month. What are we looking for?**

**A person who is good at counting money and selling a high volume of tickets.**

4:45- 6:30pm walk around and help sell pull tab tickets to players

4:45-6:30pm sit at desk and sell pull tab tickets to players.

**Office personnel who are comfortable counting money and would be beneficial if they had basic knowledge of excel although not required willing to train.**

4:30-9:30pm pull tab ticket counter, work in the office to count money and tickets and enter values into the computer.

5:00-10:00pm: assistant bookkeeper, count money and enter in values into the computer. Should be comfortable with excel or willing to learn

**Prize Payout Person who is comfortable counting money to Bingo Winners.**

8:00-10:00pm: take money from the office and payout to bingo winners.

## HERE IS ANOTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WHICH ONLY ASKS FOR A FEW TIMES A YEAR:



### Help Feed Families — Volunteer Cooks Needed

Would you like to help a worthy cause this year? Volunteers from our parish provide meals for a family homeless shelter (North Star) in Leominster for **4 weeks each year** — and our **first week begins February 1, 2026**.

Bring your cooking or takeout skills and help a family who's experiencing a difficult time in their life. Even helping once or twice this year makes a difference.

**Want to know more or sign up?** Contact Paula:

✉ doucetjp1982@gmail.com ☎ 978-990-0425



We will be holding our Bible Study on **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at the Parish Center Hall**. Our study will be on the **Book of Job**. How can it be that good people suffer and yet God is just? Please join us as we reflect on this question and explore innocent suffering, divine silence and the human quest for understanding.

### First Winter Calendar Drawing Results. Congratulations to All!

01/01 Judy Murray - \$100 cash and \$75  
Brady's Restaurant Gift Card

01/02 Linda Williams - \$100 cash

01/03 James Grimley - \$100 cash

01/04 Tom McDermott - \$100 cash

01/05 Janice Gaudet - \$100 cash and \$50  
Hannaford Gift Card

01/06 John Crochetiere - \$100 cash

01/07 Charles Despres - \$100 cash

Drawings are on Wednesdays throughout the month of January and are uploaded to our Parish Website and Facebook Page. All winners names are published in the bulletin and they receive a phone call as well. Good luck to All!





# THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday January 10 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 59*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)  
 4:00pm Mass for Marguerite Poirier (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by the Daigle family (Church)

Sunday January 11 The Baptism of the Lord *Breaking Bread, page 59*

7:00am Mass for Wayne Gariepy, by Wil (Church)  
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)  
 9:45am Mass for Irene Lamoureux (28<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by Terry, Al and family (Church)  
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)  
 11:15am Mass for Loreley Romero, by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard (Church)  
 1:00pm Baptism of Jacob Matthew Gallant (Church)  
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday January 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Special Intentions, by Maria Bongiorno (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)  
 7:00-8:15pm Religious Education for Grades 7 through 10 (Parish Center)

Tuesday January 13 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Jeannette Brow, by last will (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday January 14 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Father Robert E. Gariepy, by last will (Chapel)  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)  
 6:00pm Mass for Michael Leclerc, by his mother, Lorraine and brother, Richard (Chapel)  
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)  
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



**SAINT ANTHONY IN THE DESERT**

Thursday January 15 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Lien (Theresa) Le, by her family (Chapel)  
 9:30am Confessions (Church)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)  
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday January 16 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Father Andre Remillard (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 January 17 Saint Anthony

**9:00am Mass** for Marie Blondin, by Jeanne Conte (Chapel)  
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday January 17 Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)  
**4:00pm Mass** for Albert and Marie Gallant, by the family (Church)

Sunday January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**7:00am Mass** for Denise Gallant, by Richard and Cheryl Gallant (Church)  
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)  
**9:45am Mass** for Brian Thibeault (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by his wife and children (Church)  
 9:45-11:00am NO Religious Education Classes Today  
**11:15am Mass** for Emile Doiron, by his wife, Rosella (Church)  
 1:00pm Baptism of Henry Brian Johnson (Church)  
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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