

# Saint Cecilia Parish

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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,

During this past week, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, gave an address to the diplomatic representatives to the Holy See from all around the world. In the course of his remarks he summarized his view of the state of the world today, seen through the eyes of Saint Augustine of Hippo.

Augustine, you may recall, lived in turbulent times (just like us) a time in which the world was changing in radical ways (just like us). Indeed, Pope Leo quotes his predecessor, who used to say that we are “not in an era of change but in a change of era.”

Augustine spoke of that world as being composed of two cities. First, the *City of God*, “which is eternal and characterized by God’s unconditional love (*amor Dei*), as well as love for one’s neighbor, especially the poor.” Then there is the *City of Man*, a place that is “centered on pride and self-love (*amor sui*), and the thirst for worldly power and glory that leads to destruction.”

Each one of us choose in which city our heart will live. The Holy Father continues: “The City of God does not propose a political program. Instead, it offers valuable reflections on fundamental issues concerning social and political life, such as the search for a more just and peaceful coexistence among peoples. Augustine also warns of the grave dangers to political life arising from false representations of history, excessive nationalism and the distortion of the ideal of the political leader.”

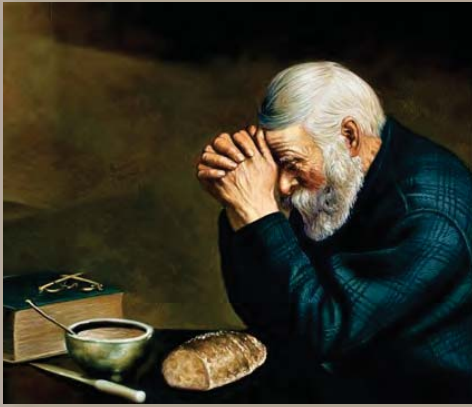
In this context, the Holy Father laments that in our time “a diplomacy that promotes dialogue and seeks consensus among all parties is being replaced by a diplomacy based on force, by either individuals or groups of allies. War is back in vogue and a zeal for war is spreading.”

The full text of the Holy Father’s extraordinarily challenging reflection, the deepest of his eight month old papacy, is available on my blog, and I recommend it to your considered reflection. It’s a bit thick in parts, but well worth the effort!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





## PRAY WITH US!

**Pray for all who are sick, and especially for:** Maristella Frisch, Lisa Stacy, Trisha Gallager, Chase Pieper, Lucille Croteau, Marion Cronin, Albert Thebeau, Richard L., Bob Allan, Harold LeBlanc, Emily and John Richard.

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](mailto:office@stceciliachurch.net) and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.

**LAST WEEKEND'S  
PARISH  
COLLECTIONS  
TOTALLED \$10,455.**



## CAN YOU HELP JUST 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:  
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## ♪ It's still look-ing a lit-tle bit ...like Christ-mas! ♪

The Christmas decorations looked so wonderful that we decided to retain a couple of lit trees along with the manger until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Thanks to Adam and his merry group of Christmas elves who have made the Christmas season merry and bright for us!

We are seeking your help in preparation for this year's Lenten Soup Suppers. Our dedicated chef has prepared a list of items that we regularly use and would be of great help to us. Barrels for donations will be placed at the church entrances on the weekends of January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> only. See the list below for what is being collected each weekend. Grocery store gift cards are also welcome. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please call Jeannine at 978-842-9212 with any questions.

### COLLECTING ON JAN. 31<sup>ST</sup> AND FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup>

bag of white potatoes  
bag of carrots  
bag of onions  
bag of celery  
long grain white rice  
broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)  
can of pinto beans  
can of kidney beans  
can of diced tomatoes  
can of clams  
can of regular or decaf coffee  
ditalini pasta  
oyster crackers



### COLLECTING ON FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>

white flour  
cake mix (any kind)  
frosting (any kind)  
brownie mix  
semi-sweet chocolate chips  
can of pie filling (any kind)  
graham cracker pie crust  
regular pie crust  
instant pudding (any kind)  
graham crackers  
oyster crackers  
condensed milk  
coconut  
walnuts  
chocolate syrup  
caramel syrup



Congratulations to the family of Jacob Matthew Gallant, who was baptized last Sunday!

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

01/08 Steve Gariepy - \$100 cash

01/09 Carol McShane - \$100 cash

01/10 Charles Despres - \$100 cash and \$75  
Brady's Gift Card

01/11 Elaine Bechtholdt - \$100 cash

01/12 Joyce Poirier - \$100 cash

01/13 Germaine Gagnon - \$100 cash and \$50  
Market Basket Gift Card

01/14 Denis and Janice Constant - \$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!



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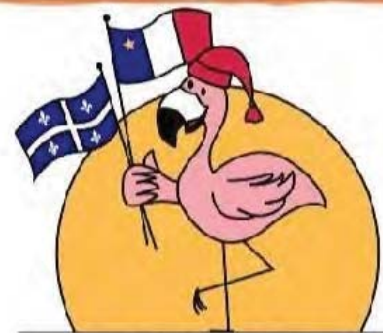
If you or someone you know has been abused by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope, help and healing. We encourage you to contact our Diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Judith Audette: 508-726-2880 ([jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org)), Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. All reports of child abuse are also reported to law enforcement.

The Catholic Church in the United States recognizes her “obligation to protect children and young people and to prevent sexual abuse flows from the mission and example given to us by Jesus Christ himself, in whose name we serve.” (*USCCB Charter for the Protection of Minors*).

## Leominster's **SECOND** French Canadian Festival

Donations **NEEDED!** Make check payable to “City of Leominster” ATTN: French Canadian Festival and deposit at the Mayor’s office. Cash is fine too! Leave a note saying it is for the French Canadian Festival

- **What?:** Leominster’s **SECOND** French Canadian Festival
- **When?:** Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 3-8 PM Rain or shine (Indoor space available)
- **Where?:** Eagle Club 456 Litchfield St, Leominster, Massachusetts
- **French Canadian themed music, vendors, food and entertainment**
- **Canadian folk guitarist Josée Vachon, toe tapping Cajun band Magnolia, and introducing Linda Pouliot! (bring lawn chairs to enjoy hours of music on the lawn)**
- **The Government of Quebec will be present to answer questions about visiting our ancestral home!**
- **Research your family tree with the French-Canadian genealogy societies!**
- **French Canadian themed crafts!**
- **Have an artist draw you in your own French-Canadian adventure!**
- **Research your French Canadian-Native American Ancestors from Canada with the Metis of Maine!**



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# THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday January 17 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 61*

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

Sunday January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 61*

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)  
 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)

Monday January 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time

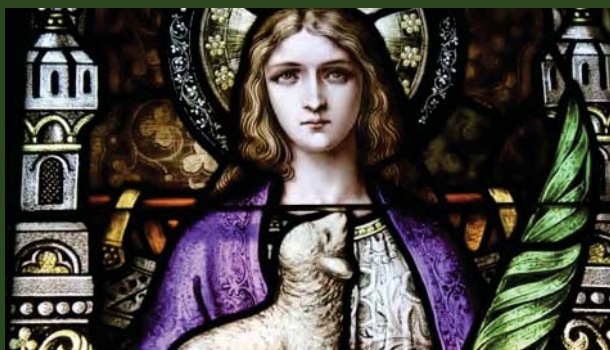
9:00am Mass for Victor Amenta Jr., by Carol (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)  
 NO Religious Education Classes Today

Tuesday January 20 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Bert LeBlanc, by his wife (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday January 21 Saint Agnes

9:00am Mass for Joseph Ouellette (11<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by his wife (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 Thomas Mahoney (Chapel)  
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)  
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



Saint Agnes

Thursday January 22 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Georgette Lorenzetti (30<sup>th</sup> day), by Kathy (Chapel)  
 9:30am Confessions (Church)  
 9:30am Bible Study on the Book of Job (Parish Center)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)  
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday January 23 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**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)  
 6:30pm BINGO Doors Open at 4:00pm; Games start at 6:30pm (Parish Center)

Saturday January 24 Saint Francis de Sales

**9:00am Mass** for Roger Champagne, by his wife (Chapel)  
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday January 24 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 63*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)  
**4:00pm Mass** for Jeannette Brow, by the family (Church)

Sunday January 25 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 63*

**7:00am Mass** for All Souls in Purgatory (Church)  
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)  
**9:45am Mass** for Aurele Richard (25<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by his daughter and family (Church)  
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)  
**11:15am Mass** for Marie Richard (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.), by Jacques and Yvette (Church)  
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

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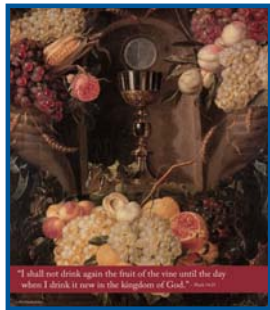
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