

Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the reunion of Christendom and for the Holy Father's intentions of this month. **March: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities.** That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Those who help prepare for and present the Mass each weekend:

Masses Mar. 9, 4:30pm Saturday

Mar. 10, 8:00am Sunday

Readers: Eric & Carolyn Chase

Joe & Ada Spelz

EM of E: Barbara Bowman & Mary Ridgell

Bernie Goldsborough & Elizabeth Sweeney

Ushers: M. MacDonald, J. Owens, & B. Tarleton L. Dean, J. and H. Thompson

Altar Servers: See Fr. Scott Woods for scheduling.

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TELEVISED MASS: THERE IS A MASS TELEVISED FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AT 10:30AM FOR ANYONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND ON SUNDAYS:

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St. Cecilia Church

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019



Pastor: Rev. Scott Woods

Assistant: Deacon Tony Sweeney

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Weekend Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00 am Sunday Morning

Weekday Masses: 7:30 am Monday through Friday

Confession: 3:00-4:00 pm on Saturday or by appointment

Please contact Fr. Scott to arrange for **marriage** or **baptism** preparation and scheduling.

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30am – 12:00pm

The office is closed on Thursday, Holy Days, holidays and for bad weather.

What's Going on at St. Cecilia Church?

Adult Catechesis (RCIA) – Will be on Sunday nights at St. Cecilia's at 7:30pm

Bible Study – The Wild Goose and Bible Study 6:30-8:30pm Wednesday Nights

SMC Campus Mass – 7:30pm at the Cole Cinema

Middle School youth group – Tuesdays 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Rosary – Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at St. Cecilia in the church.

High School Youth Group – Fridays, 7:00pm at St. Cecilia Church.

Holy Hour – *St. Cecilia*: Sunday: 7:00am to 8:00am. Monday-Friday: 6:30am to 7:30am. *St. Peter Claver*: Saturday 7:00am to 8:00am.

Last Chance Sunday Mass: St. Michael's in Ridge at 6:00pm, St. Joseph's in Morganza at 6:00pm and St. Mary's College at 7:30pm.

Second collection: There will be a second collection March 9th and 10th for the Poor Fund.

St. Peter Claver will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday dinner on March 5th from 6:00–7:00 pm. Recommended Donation (but not required): \$5/Adult; \$3/Students; Free/Children Under 5 years; \$15/Parents +Children Maximum

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday at St Cecilia at 6:30pm and at St Peter Claver at 7:00pm beginning on Friday, March 8

Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday

St. Cecilia – 6:30am and 7:30am

Trinity Episcopal Church Ecumenical Service – 12:00pm noon

St. Peter Claver – 7:00pm

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Bradley Anderson and Ernie, Kristin and Casey Austin, Judy and Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Dorothy Berry, Leon Briscoe, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Mildred Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Sr. Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Debi Clark, Joey Cosgrove, Jack Cullison, Celia DeVoe, Erica Dingle, Ed Dishman, George E. Fenwick, Norman Fenwick, Eileen Garvey, Mary Glynn, Mary Jean Goldsborough, Mary Gorman, Hannah Gravelle, Mary Jane Hall, Jeff Harris Family, Baby Hancock, James Hensley, Larry Hobbs, John Jovan, Bambi Kwiatkoski, Scott Lawrence, Lynn, John Lolli, Adam Lumpkins, Helen Lococo, Shirley D. Major, George Matthew, Dennis MacQuilliam, Helen Miarowski, Bill Morris, James Morris, Cecilia Plymale, Eileen Peterson, Lawrence Potter, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, ZaNiya G. Rice, Joel Rivera, Sandy, Kimberly Sariego, Fr. Marco Schad, Norris Shepherd, Tiny Taylor, John F. Thompson, Susan Windburn, William Woodland, Lisa, Donna Burriss, Elaine McNeil, Tara Sewell, Doris Rose Yates, James Young, Eva Butler, Francis Birch, and Anna Farris. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds *and* souls.

† **Please pray for the deceased of the parish** †: George Kohut (03/02/86), William Bean (03/05/14), Charles Carroll (03/06/66), and Marian Veitch (03/06/96) . May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the divine mercy of God, rest in peace.

Stewardship Report

February 24, Offertory \$ 2,934.35

May God bless you for your unfailing generosity.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday 4:30 PM *For the intentions of Matt and Liz Jenkins*

Sunday 8:00 AM *For the intentions of our parishioners*

Monday 7:30 AM *For the intentions of the Powell Family*

Tuesday 7:30 AM *For the peaceful repose of the soul of William Bean*

Wednesday 7:30 AM *For the intentions of Bernie Goldsborough*

Thursday 7:30 AM *For the peaceful repose of the soul of Flossye Birch*

Friday 7:30 AM *For all of those who have been abused*

Saturday 8:00 AM *Mass at St. Peter Claver*

REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST

But Don't Worry

God Loves You!

St. Peter Claver Revival

March 11-13, 2019

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Adoration and talk at 7:00pm

REVIVAL PREACHER – FR. LARRY SWINK

Father Larry Swink serves as the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in La Plata, MD. He has been leading retreats for men's and women's groups for nearly nine years. He has led very powerful and spiritually healing pilgrimages for couples and college students to Mexico City and holy sites in Europe. The oldest of ten children, Father Swink was ordained a priest in May 2006 after attending Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, New Jersey. His previous assignments in the Archdiocese were Saint Mary of the Mills in Laurel, Saint Pius X in Bowie and Jesus the Divine Word in Huntingtown, MD.

FR. LARRY SWINK'S

schedule while visiting Southern Maryland

Saturday, March 9

3:00PM Confessions (St. Cecilia)

4:30PM Vigil Mass (St. Cecilia)

Confessions following

Sunday, March 10

7:00AM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (St. Cecilia)

7:45AM Repose

8:00AM Mass (St. Cecilia)

10:00AM Mass (St Peter Claver)

Confessions following

Monday, March 11

6:30AM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (St. Cecilia)

7:20AM Repose

7:30AM MASS (St. Cecilia) Confessions following

7:00PM Adoration & Spiritual Talk (St. Peter Claver)

Confessions following

Tuesday, March 12

6:30AM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (St. Cecilia)

7:20AM Repose

7:30AM Mass (St. Cecilia's) Confessions following

7:00PM Adoration & Spiritual Talk (St. Peter Claver)

Confessions following

Wednesday, March 13

6:30AM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (St. Cecilia)

7:20AM Repose

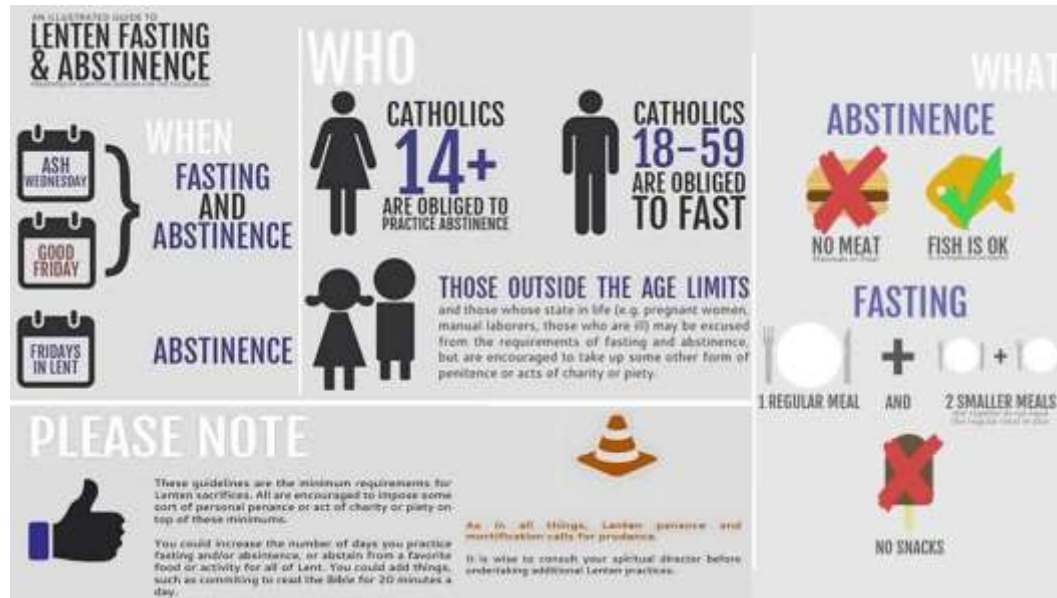
7:30AM MASS (St. Cecilia's) Confessions following

7:00PM Closing Mass with Healing Prayers (St. Peter Claver)

Father Larry Swink will be available for personal appointments on Monday, March 11-13. Contact: Angie in the St. Cecilia parish -office at 301-872-5460 to schedule an appointment.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTAINANCE GUIDELINES

Lent is upon us this week. Remember Ash Wednesday and Holy Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence and all Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence. See below for more!



Spiritual Practices During Lent

The three traditional disciplines of Lent are

- Fasting
- Almsgiving
- Prayer

The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Ideas for Adults

Fasting

- Fast with one full meal, no snacks one day a week.
- Skip meat an extra day (or two) a week .
- Give up alcoholic beverages.
- Give up coffee (or reduce to one cup a day).
- Give up all desserts.
- Give up all unnecessary shopping.

- Fast from music in the car.

Prayer

- Begin (or begin again) the daily Rosary.
- Meditate for 10 minutes a day (daily meditations can be found at *Catholic.net*)
- Choose one extra devotion per week during Lent: Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic adoration or a weekday Mass.
- Read a book on the Life of Christ. For example:
Alban Goodier's *The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
Fulton Sheen's *The Life of Christ*
Frank Sheed's *To Know Christ Jesus*
Romano Guardini's *The Lord*
- Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church's 74-page section on prayer. (Section four; less than two pages a day!)

Almsgiving/Charity

- Visit a nursing home with your children.
- Forgive someone and patch things up in a visit, or, if necessary, by phone or letter.
- Give up gossip, judging or profanity.
- Find one "act of forgiveness" to make every day: A driver who cuts you off, a co-worker who annoys you, a shopper who cuts in line, a store clerk who is rude or a family member who ignores your needs.
- Say a kind word to everyone you meet.
- Pay a significant compliment (or more!) to each of your children every day.
- Offer to watch the children of a new mother one day a week throughout Lent.
- Visit an elderly friend or relative.
- Save up a significant amount of money for a deserving charity or apostolate.

For Children and Teens

If none of the adult ideas work for you, try:

- Do chores without complaining
- Draw pictures of Holy Week events.
- Restrict your TV, Internet or music time.
- Restrict your phone time.
- Send a letter or picture to a grandmother, aunt or Godparent.
- Make a new friend outside your "crowd."
- Be a friend to a shy person.
- Give up that bad place, person or thing.
- Choose a favorite toy, book or piece of clothing and put it away until Easter.

Catholic College and Vocations Fair: *If you have students in high school or you just enjoy listening to great Catholic speakers, plan on attending the Catholic College and Vocations Fair on **Saturday, March 9th from 11am-3pm** at St. John's Parish in Hollywood, MD. Eucharistic Adoration and Mass (9:00-11:00am) will precede the fair. A dozen of the top colleges from the Newman Guide to Catholic Colleges will be present along with many religious orders. Dr. John Cuddaback, professor of philosophy at Christendom College and Mr. Brent Johnson, V.P. of Enrollment at Ave Maria University are the keynote speakers this year. The event is open to all and there is no admission charge. Food will be available for purchase. More information can be found online at www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/CCVF.*

Attention College Students: Summer Internships: Catholic Charities *has a variety of (unpaid) summer internship opportunities available for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students for 10 weeks this summer from late May to early August. Projects include programs providing direct services to clients as well as in administration, finance, and communications. Sites available throughout the Archdiocese. **Apply by March 15!** Get information and apply: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/intern/>*

"Nonsense" that will be coming to St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall Saturday, March 16 at 7pm and Sunday, March 17 at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. It is an interactive show with an opportunity to win basket raffles and more. To purchase tickets online go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4067914> . To get a sneak peek of the show go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58iNbkY0_5U&feature=youtu.be

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland *is pleased to invite you to the 2019 Annual Banquet. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Alveda King. The banquet will be held at **6:30 pm on Thursday, March 28th** at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall. Tickets are \$27 each and can be bought online at FriendsOfCareNetSoMD.org. Table host and sponsorship opportunities are also available.*

Pray for Our Seminarians

Please take a moment today to stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer, where you'll see cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl here at St Cecilia starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Check the bulletin during Lent, where we will encounter our neighbor, those whom the Rice Bowl will help.

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER Immaculate Heart of Mary *in Lexington Park will have its annual Seafood Dinner on Fridays during Lent from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall from **March 8th until April 12th**. Come eat fish dinners, fried oysters, boiled shrimp, various sides, and more, all while they last! Kid's meals are available, and home baked goods will be sold to benefit The St. Vincent DePaul of IHM.*

Knights of Columbus Events:

The Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner will be on Sunday, **March 9th from 11:30a.m. to 5:00p.m.** It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The cost is \$12 (half chicken, potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls). The hall is located at the intersection of Routes 5 and 235 in Ridge.

There will be Bingo at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, **March 16th**. Doors open at 5:30pm and the game starts at 6:30pm. The hall is located at the intersection of Routes 5 and 235 in Ridge.

Please be aware that there will not be a St. Mary's College Mass on March 10th and 17th.