

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 **September: The Protection of the Oceans.** That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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

Masses <u>Sept. 7, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>Sept. 8, 8:00am Sunday</u>
Readers: Mary Bell & Tiny Taylor	Helen Thompson & Rhea Cosgrove
EM of E: N/A	Joe Spelz & Bernie Goldsborough
Ushers: M. Hackert, J. Owens, & B. Bowman	L. Dean, John & Helen Thompson
Decorations: Barbara Bowman	

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:

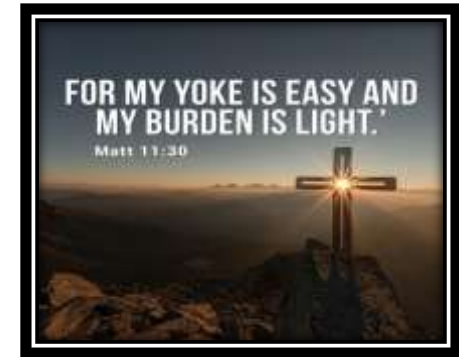
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St. Cecilia Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019



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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?

Bible Study – On Wednesday Nights at St. Peter Claver Church hall will return after summer break

Middle School youth group – Tuesdays 6:00pm to 8:00pm 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 and St. Joseph's in Morganza at 6:00pm.

Second collection: There will be a second collection September 7th and 8th for the Poor Fund.

The Annual St. Peter Claver Pre-Labor Day Festival will be held on Sunday, **September 1, 2019** beginning with Mass at 10am, followed by a day of fun, food and fellowship. Dinners (including fish, crab and ham) as well as the famous barbeque sandwich are for sale. (Dinner tickets can be purchased at a discount until Sunday August 25). A car show, vendors, gospel singing, face painting, bands, and much more are on the schedule of the day's events. Come and buy your raffle tickets as you prepare yourself to hopefully win one of the monetary prizes: 1st-\$300, 2nd-\$200 and 3rd-\$100. For more information or to purchase a dinner or raffle ticket, contact the Parish Office at 301-872-5460

Little Bethlehem Christian is a group that represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem, the holy land, and make their living as wood carvers. Next weekend after the Saturday and Sunday Mass on **September 7th and 8th**, the group represented by the Alsaouri family will display a collection of hand carved olivewood religious items, as they are also for sale. The profit goes to support Christianity in the land of Christ. Please take a minute after Mass and look at this beautiful collection of items.

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, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, ZaNiya G. Rice, Joel Rivera, Kimberly Sariego, Fr. Marco Schad, 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, Evan Beck, Michael Hammett Jr. and Andrew Farrand. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds *and* souls.

† Please pray for the deceased of the parish †: Infant Somerville (08/31/23), Steven Motteler (09/01/71), Infant Butler (09/01/65), Marguerite Rhodes (09/01/04), Diane Briscoe (09/02/55), Helen Robinson (09/02/15), Margaret Carroll (09/03/07), Benjamin McKay, Jr. (09/04/39), and Jean Trossbach (09/05/98). May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the divine mercy of God, rest in peace.

Stewardship Report: August 25, Offertory \$2,780.00

May God bless you for your unfailing generosity.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Raymond Stone
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Father Mark Ivany
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of John Yearick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Stephen Collins
Thursday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Flossye Birch
Friday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Helen Miarowski <i>please remember those who have been abused</i>
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Peter Claver

Knights of Columbus Events: Knights of Columbus chicken dinner will be Sunday, **September 8th**. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridge at the intersection of Routes 5 and 235. The cost is \$12 (half chicken, potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls). Baked goods will be available. Time: 11:30a.m. to 5:00p.m.

There will be Bingo at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridge on Saturday **September 21st**. Doors open at 5:30pm and the game starts at 6:30pm.

2019 Ridge Volunteer Fire Department's Annual carnival starts this week! It will be held Thursday, September 5, 2019 - Sunday, September 8, 2019 and Thursday, September 12, 2019 - Sunday, September 15, 2019

Religious Education classes for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Sunday 8 September from 9:15-10:15am. All classes will be held in St. Michael's school. Children attending public school and planning to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation are required to attend religious education classes. Classes include all grades in K-8. Please contact Deacon Jim for more information email James.dominic1957@gmail.com.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland presents Comedy Night on Saturday, **September 14th from 6-8pm** at Patuxent High School. Tickets are ON SALE NOW and deeply discounted (just \$15 per ticket) until 11:30 pm on July 31st! On August 1st, ticket prices will go up to \$25 per ticket. Tickets and information can be found at <https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/comedy-night/>

Praise and Worship gathering will be held on September 11 and 21 this month at St. Aloysius Parish Hall at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Come and experience peace and joy as we join together in praising the Lord and worshiping His Holy Name. For more information call 301-475-8065.

Pastor's Column: When I first arrived at St. Cecilia and St. Peter Claver I felt like a deer in headlights. I had never been a pastor of souls before, and I had never been responsible for a parish. I was feeling overwhelmed. Amid the interior storms that swirled about in me, there was one person I felt I could always turn too, her name was Ada. At both parishes, there were people ready to set up and help but they had lives, families and jobs. Ada was there almost every day, or at least a phone call away. Having gone from high school to college seminary, I had never learned how to cook. And soon with many, many people trying to meet with me from early in the morning till late at night, I didn't have time too. Ada always made sure that I had food in the rectory and often insisted on making me food with her own hands.

When people called from either parish, Ada could not only tell me who they were, but she could tell me about their family, personality and why they might be calling. She knew most of the parishioners of both parishes and would often stay far later than the hours she officially worked to help those in need. She truly saw her work as a parish secretary as a ministry to the people of God.

Ada almost always had a smile on her face and infinite patience with those who called, even those upset because we could not always fulfill their requests. She was often the one who would tell me I needed to take a day off or go on vacation, though she very rarely took vacation herself.

Often when I was unsure about a decision I had to make; I would consult Ada. Even on her few days off, she and Joe would usually be at daily mass at St Cecilia's or St. Peter Claver's on Saturday mornings.

A few short years ago, she expressed the desire to retire so she could spend her remaining years spending more time with Joe, their kids and grandkids. She was there for all her successors whenever they needed help. She still stayed very active in parish life in so many ways. Ada was a woman filled with faith and love.

Everyone who has spoken to me since her passing has talked about the huge hole that we all feel in our lives with her absence. Yet everyone has expressed that while they feel sadness for Ada's family and friends, they don't for Ada. She lived a good and holy life filled with joy and grace. She always said when it was her time, she wanted it to go quick, and that she got. But an added blessing to us all was that she left us on the feast of the Queenship of Mary, which was perfect as she had a huge devotion to Our Lady.

We were blessed to know her, blessed to have seen her example of love, marriage, motherhood, and discipleship. Well done good and faithful, Servant. Go home to rest in the Fathers arms. Pray for us!

Your Brother and Father in Christ,
Father Scott

