

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 Sept. 14, 4:30pm Saturday Sept. 15, 8:00am Sunday
Readers: Paul Evans & Walter Carroll Carolyn & Eric Chase
EM of E: N/A Elizabeth Sweeney & Vickie Sanner
Ushers: M. MacDonald, B. Ridgell, & B. Tarleton L. Dean, D. Carroll, J. Fenwick, & M. Fenwick
Decorations: Tiny Taylor/Marie Tarleton

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 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 14th and 15th for Catholic University of America.

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.

2019 Ridge Volunteer Fire Department's Annual carnival has begun! Please take time to support our local volunteer fire department. Enjoy the festivities Saturday and Sunday 7pm – 11pm. and this week Thursday – Sunday, September 12-15, Thursday Evenings 6pm – 10pm and Friday and Saturday Evenings 7-11pm. We would also like to take the opportunity to say thank you for all you do for our community. Saint Florian, patron of firefighters, pray for them!

Monday, September 9, is the Feast Day of St. Peter Claver. Please join us for the Latin Mass at 6pm at St Peter Claver Church in St. Inigoes. Please note it is a plenary indulgence to attend a parish on their Feast Day.

Praise and Worship gathering will be held on September 11 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 worshipping His Holy Name. For more information call 301-475-8065.

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., Andrew Farrand, Joe Dziewit, and Pauline Dziewit. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds *and* souls.

† **Please pray for the deceased of the parish** †: Daniel Biscoe (09/07/99), John Trossbach (09/08/87), Margaret Fenwick (09/10/97), Charles Carter (09/10/72), Andrew Gwisc (09/10/12), George Fenwick (09/12/80), and Harry Yeatman (09/12/01). May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the divine mercy of God, rest in peace.

Stewardship Report: September 1, Offertory \$2,816.00

May God bless you for your unflinching generosity.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Geraldine Cote
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Lucille Sivak
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of John Owens
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of James Miles
Thursday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Flossy Birch
Friday	7:30 AM	For all those who have been abused
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Peter Claver

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.

JOIN for us lunch on Sunday September 15th at St. George Community Center for a bowl of Vietnamese beef noodle soup (PHở) from 12-2pm. A donation is much appreciated. 19100 St Georges Church Rd, Valley Lee, MD 20692

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.

Immaculate Conception Parish will be doing a Pig Roast Fundraiser on Sunday, **September 29** from noon to 3pm. The cost is \$20 per person and children under 9 eat free! The menu will include roast pig BBQ, baked beans, potatoe salad, and cole slaw. Soft drinks, tea, and coffee will be served. There will be door prizes with ticket purchase and 50/50 raffle.

The Archangel Scholarship Foundation will present Rhythm & Riches 2019 on Friday, **October 18, 2019** at the Hollywood Fire House. There will be live music, featuring Robbie Boothe and The Amish Outlaws. Also, food, drinks for sale and raffles for \$25,000 in cash prizes. For info and/or tickets: www.rhythmandriches.com or 240-587-7111. Tickets also available at St. Michael's Rectory, St. Michael's School, Angel Wings & Things Thrift Store and Ridge Hardware.

Prayerfully consider being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector. Holy Face Catholic Church in Great Mills will be offering these English Liturgical Workshops on Saturday, **November 23**. For more information and to register write liturgy@adw.org or call Maria Hamm at 301-853-4594.

Pastor's Column: Years ago, as a young priest still in his twenties I was asked by a young husband and father if I would be his spiritual director. This meant meeting with him one on one once a month to help him grow his prayer life, so that he could grow in closeness to the Lord. I hesitated having received little training and because I knew my own fears and weaknesses. I was always a talker and struggled to listen well, this would require a lot of time and patience and I was already lacking in both. Later as more people (men and women, old and young) came to ask me to be their director I saw how God used this call to stretch me in areas where I too needed to grow, and he continues this in all the many ministries he has called me too.

Some years ago, at the height of my spiritual directing, Fr. Mark Ivany came to me and said we needed to recruit more laity to be directors. After all, most priests have not been trained and lack the time to direct. I was against it at first believing only priests were called to this particular ministry. Then I went on a silent eight-day retreat (I highly recommend silent retreats to all of you) and I was feeling overwhelmed by all the requests for spiritual direction coming to me.

The Lord had me meditate on a passage of scripture in the Old Testament where Moses was feeling overwhelmed and his father in law Jethro came to him and said, "What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. ". He then instructed him to recruit people who could help him. The Lord made clear that is what he wanted me to do. He then started to show me people he wanted to use in this ministry who He had already placed in my life. It was beautiful and I was given Peace and Joy! The two signs of the working of the Holy Spirit.

This week Fr. Ivany will run a program to train lay and clergy spiritual directors. He already did one in DC. He was hoping for 15 or so people and got about 50. The same program is now going to take place this week at St. Mary's Ryken and the numbers are near 50 again. Pray for those who are generously taking three days out of their schedule to train and who will help share this beautiful transforming ministry with us priests and deacons in the coming years. The Harvest is indeed abundant, and the laborers are few. Pray that God sends us more!

Your brother and father in Christ,
Fr Scott