

**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: Prayer intention for evangelization - Catholics in China.** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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

**Masses** Mar. 14, 4:30pm Saturday

**Readers:** Paul Evans & Beth Carroll

**EM of E:** N/A

**Ushers:** J. Hall & T. Maday

**Decorations:** Tiny Taylor & Marie Tarleton

**Altar Servers:** See Fr. Scott Woods for scheduling.

Mar. 15, 8:00am Sunday

**Helen Thompson & Bernie Goldsborough**

**Barbara Bowman & Mary Ridgell**

**L. Dean, D. Carroll, J. Fenwick and M. Fenwick**

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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 Second Sunday in Lent*

### *March 8, 2020*



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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 will be closed on Thursdays, Holy Days, holidays, and for bad weather.**

**What's Going on at St. Cecilia Church?**

**St Mary's College Campus Mass** – Sundays at 7:30pm in Cole Cinema

**Bible Study** – Wednesday evenings, meal at 7:00pm, study starts at 7:30pm. No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.

**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, 6:00pm 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 Campus Mass at 7:30pm.

**Second collection**: There will be a second collection on the weekend of March 15<sup>th</sup> for the Church in the Developing World.

**There will be choir practice for Lent and Easter** at St. Cecilia on Monday evenings at 6:30PM. All are welcome to join!

**Stations of the Cross** will be on Friday evenings at 6:00PM

**Mass with healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration** will be on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park. The Mass will start at 5:30 pm, followed by healing prayers. Confessions will start at 5pm. Hope to see you there, all are welcome!

**It was on March 25<sup>th</sup> in 1634 when Father Andrew White, S.J.** celebrated the first Mass in the Maryland colony on Saint Clement's Island. In commemoration of that special event, there will be Mass at historic Saint Ignatius Church in Saint Inigoes on Wednesday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation at 6:00PM. Celebrant is Father William George, S.J. All are invited to participate in this special local commemoration!

**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, 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, Pauline Dziewit, Elaine Quickle, Nancy Cotter, and Pat Taylor. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds *and* souls.

**† Please pray for the deceased of the parish †:** James (Pat) Jarboe (3/11/12), Cynthia Spak (3/12/05), Joe C. Birch, Sr. (3/12/12), John Lancaster (3/13/83), Bobby Demko (3/13/06). May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the divine mercy of God, rest in peace.

Stewardship Report: March 1, Offertory \$3,743.00

*May God bless you for your unflinching generosity.*

**Mass Intentions this Week**

***Saturday 4:30 PM For the intentions of Alfred Soulliere***  
***Sunday 8:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners***  
***Monday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Rosemary Taylor***  
***Tuesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Gabriel Gauzon***  
***Wednesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Ada Spelz***  
***Thursday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Michael Downey***  
***Friday 7:30 AM For all of those who have been abused***  
***Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver***

***Pastor's keyboard:*** St. Clair of Assisi write years ago, "We become what we love. And Who we Love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming an image of the Beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of Gods compassionate love for others". This is truly the work that Lent is meant to do within us and through us. It is impossible without the Lord's grace. That grace comes through the sacraments in abundance, and through prayer, scripture, alms giving, acts of kindness, and fasting. Let us seek these aids to our further conversion and transformation and that of the world this Lent. Make this the best Lent of your life!

Your Brother and Father in Christ,  
Fr. Scott

***The Lenten Vocations Tree** will be set up in the foyer. Please consider praying for a seminarian every day during Lent as part of your Lenten promise.*

**Chicken Dinner on Sunday, March 8**

\$12 A DINNER, 11:30-5PM  
K.C. HALL, RIDGE, MD  
BAKED GOODS AVAILABLE, 301-872-4641

**Bingo on Saturday, March 21**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30, GAMES START AT 6:30  
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE  
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**Lenten Food Drive:** *During the season of Lent, the Lord calls us to share with those in need. Please considering donating some of the following items to the St. Cecilia Food Pantry.*

**Hygiene Products** - toilet paper, paper towels, disposable razors, toothpaste, bars of soap, deodorant.

**Canned Meats** – tuna, sardines, canned beef hash, beef stew, spam, chicken breast, chili, etc.

**Fruit** – applesauce, peaches, fruit cocktail, etc.

**Soup** – chicken noodle, vegetable soup, etc.

**Vegetables** – peas, sliced/whole potatoes, greens (collards, spinach), baked beans. Please, no mustard greens.

**Canned Pasta** – ravioli, spaghettios, beef-a-roni, etc.

**Miscellaneous** – mustard (20oz), ketchup (24oz), mayonnaise (15oz), salt, vegetable oil, cereal, oatmeal, grits, peanut, butter, jelly, complete pancake mix, syrup, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, pork and beans.

**Bags should be brought to church and left in the vestibule by Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Join us this Lent at St. Peter Claver** for our Bible study, *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a Biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. The study will be 5 consecutive Wednesdays starting March 4 through April 1. A simple soup and salad dinner will begin at 7:00pm and the study starts at 7:30pm. Please register this weekend by calling Fran Hawkins at 301-904-6514. Cost for the study pack is \$25.*

**Golf Ball Drop**--Flat Iron Farm in Great Mills has generously offered to host this event for St. Michael's School. Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have all 2000 balls sold to make this a successful event. Tickets are \$100 each and winners can win up to \$50,000. You can purchase tickets now online at [www.smsgolfballdrop.com](http://www.smsgolfballdrop.com).

**The Confirmation Retreat** this year will be at Saint Peter Calver on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00AM to 3:00PM.

## **DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY AT FATHER SCOTT'S CHURCHES TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL**

First, we thank God that, until now, there had been no cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Maryland. Currently, however, three cases have been reported in Montgomery County and a State of Emergency has been ordered by Governor Larry Hogan as of March 5, 2020. Because of the anticipated rapid spread of the virus and in accordance with statements published by the ADW and Archdioceses around the country regarding the virus, the following 10 behaviors have been adopted for Father Scott's churches to assist with the preservation of the health and safety of the parishioners, particularly at Mass:

1. Do not come to Mass if you have any signs of a cold or a virus; a special dispensation is given to people who are sick for any reason to attend Mass. This dispensation applies in the case of any possibly contagious disease, even a common cold.
2. Use a tissue or the inside of your arm to cover mouth when coughing or sneezing; then dispose of the tissue immediately and wash your hands.
3. Wash frequently and thoroughly the back and front of hands with warm soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available and rub your hands thoroughly; avoid putting your hands on your face.
4. Avoid handshaking, touching, and hugging inside and outside of church.
5. Note that the Sign of the Peace is suspended at Mass.

## **DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY AT ST. CECILIA TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL**

1. Note that the Blood of Christ will only be available via Intinction (Body dipped in the Blood of Christ).
2. Understand that Catholics are not obliged to receive the Blood of Christ at all during communion (although it gives us a fuller sign of receiving holy communion), but we receive the fullness of Jesus in holy communion in the form of the host even when it is presented alone.
3. Get in one of two lines during Communion: Father Scott's line or the Eucharistic Minister's line. Father Scott's line will consist of only those who will be receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ via Intinction. The EM's line will consist of only those who will be receiving only the Body of Christ.
4. Note that Holy Water will not be present in the fonts at Mass in an effort to avoid the possibility of spreading germs from hands.
5. Pray as a family for a cure; pray for those afflicted with the virus; ask to be spared from the virus.

Parishioners are encouraged to frequently monitor the status of the virus and flu with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and adherence to these changes in the traditions and procedures at Mass.

Your Brother and Father in Christ,  
Father Scott Woods



