

**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. 21, 4:30pm Saturday

**Readers:** Mary Bell & Tom Maday

**EM of E:** N/A

**Ushers:** W. Barnes & B. Goldsborough

**Decorations:** Roberta Davis

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

Mar. 22, 8:00am Sunday

**Carolyn Chase & Eric Chase**

**Joe Spelz & Vicke Sanner**

**B. Bowman, E. Chase & L. Dean**

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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:**

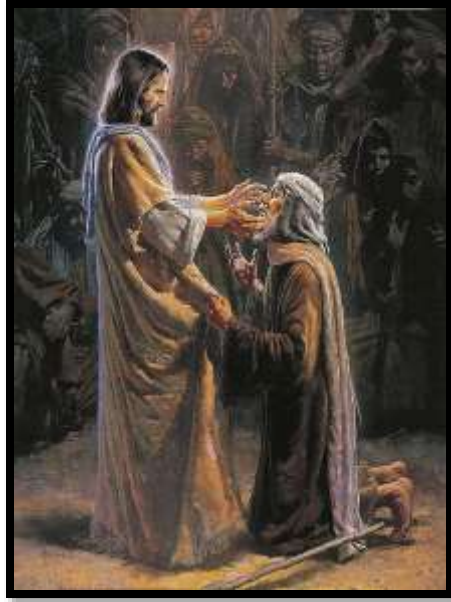
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# *St. Cecilia Church*

## *The Third Sunday in Lent March 15, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Maintenance Fund.

**St. Mary's College Campus Mass** will not be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bingo will be on Saturday, March 21**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30, GAMES START AT 6:30. CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE. K.C. HALL, RIDGE. 301-872-4641

**Window Replacement Raffle Information**

*We are going to have a raffle to raise \$5,000 to replace the windows in the church. First prize winner will receive \$200 and second and third prize winners will receive \$100. Ticket will be sold for \$5 per ticket or \$30 for a book of six tickets. They will be available for purchase after the weekend Masses, at the parish office, and from Bernie Goldsborough. You can return the money and entry tickets to the rectory or put it in the collection baskets in an envelope marked "Raffle". The drawing will be held on Sunday, April 19.*

**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, Kitty Roth, 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 †:** Harry C. Dalton (3/15/78), Joyce (Teany) Bean (3/19/03), Edward Leo Ridgell (3/20/41). May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the divine mercy of God, rest in peace.

Stewardship Report: March 8, Offertory \$4,010.90

*May God bless you for your unfailing generosity.*

**Mass Intentions this Week**

*Saturday 4:30 PM For the intentions of our parishioners*  
*Sunday 8:00 AM For the intentions of Marene Baker*  
*Monday 7:30 AM For the intentions of our parishioners*  
*Tuesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of John Downey*  
*Wednesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Bill Rust*  
*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*

## *Events During Lent*

- *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.*
- *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion bible study will be held at St. Peter Claver on Wednesday nights until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Dinner will begin at 7:00PM and the study will start at 7:30PM.*
- *Confession will be available after all weekend Masses.*
- *Lenten Food Drive for Saint Cecilia's Food Pantry. Please take one of the brown paper bags located in the vestibule, fill it up with some of the items listed below, and bring it back to St. Cecilia's by Easter Sunday, April 12.*

**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, spaghetti, 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***

Ecumenical Dialogue and Debate: Join us at St. George Catholic Church for an evening of debate on Mariology, particularly on the question of whether Mary has other children besides Jesus. Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. No registration or reservation needed. All are welcome!

*Join us for a day of hiking at Great Falls National Park with priests and seminarians. The day will also include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, and dinner. Sunday, March 29, 2020*  
*WHERE: Meet at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Potomac, Maryland*  
*WHEN: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*  
*\*\* You must register to attend. \*\**  
*For more information and to register, please visit*  
*<https://dcpriest.org/high-school>.*  
*Questions? Contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020.*

*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!*

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

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.smsgolfdrop.com](http://www.smsgolfdrop.com).

**Pastor's Keyboard:** *Nunc Coepi* – this phrase made popular by Josémaría Escrivá, translates to “Now, I begin”. What this means is that now I shall begin anew. Now is the time to begin again. If you have fallen in your Lenten fasts, that is alright; simply begin again. This is what Christ asks us to do. If we love Him, we will begin again, and again, and again. Never let yourselves be discouraged in any endeavor for God. The Father knows your heart. He understands that we are weak. He understands that we must fight our flesh in our fasting to separate ourselves from our attachments to this world and attach ourselves to God Himself.

Put your concerns, fears, and insecurities to rest in God. That inner voice that says since we have fallen, the rest of our days are now tainted; this is the voice that will distance us from God-- whether it be from the evil one himself, or from our own insecurities. If the Father is truly a good Father, why would He get mad at His children for trying to do something good, even if they fall short the first time? He sees us all struggling and He knows our hearts. What He asks of us is devotion. What does devotion look like? It means that --whether we like it or not-- we fulfill our tasks. Even if we don't *feel* like praying, even if we don't *feel* like fasting — we do it anyways.

It is good that we fight our attachments to worldly things to strengthen our will. When our will is strengthened, we put off less and begin to do more; whether that be staying away from the TV, calling a friend or going the extra mile or two in our work so that some else's life is easier. This is a major part of God's life in us, to show His love to others through us. This is the goal of our lives-- to love. And if we do fall short, the solution is simple: begin again – *Nunc Coepi*.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Scott Woods