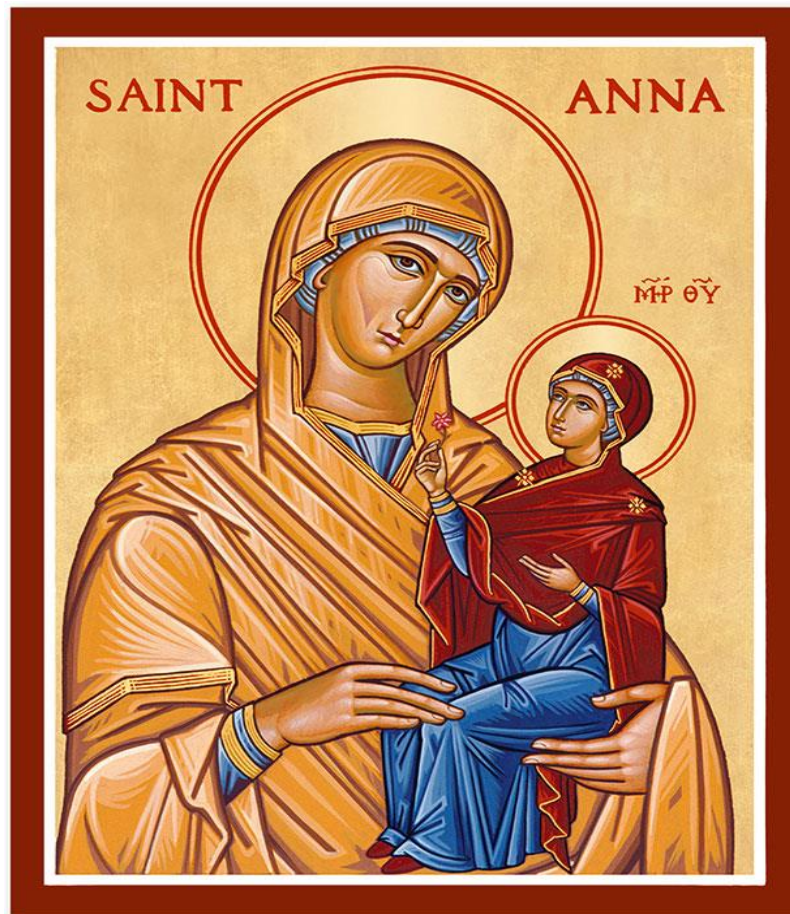


WELCOME TO
St. Cecilia Church

September 20, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



About Our Church

St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church is located in St. Mary's City, MD.

Our Pastor is Father Scott Woods

The Assistants are Deacon Tony Sweeney & Deacon Mark Kijesky

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The office will be closed on Thursdays, Holy Days and Federal Holidays.

Other Contact information

St. Peter Claver: 301-872-5460

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Prayer Intentions

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Bradley Anderson and Ernie, Kristin 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, 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, Bill Morris, James Morris, Michelle Nelson, Cecilia Plymale, Eileen Peterson, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, ZaNiya G. Rice, Joel Rivera, Kimberly Sariago, 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. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds, *and* souls.

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 19 - 25

Saturday 4:30 PM For the intentions of our parishioners
Sunday 8:00 AM For the intentions of Sharon Chadwick
Monday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Chester Ladilik
Tuesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Hall
Wednesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Lucille Sivak
Thursday 7:30 AM For the intentions of Katie Clair
Friday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Dave Lietman
Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver.

Announcements & Events

- There will be a second collection for Maintenance Fund on September 27th.
- Fr. Scott will be away from September 21– 26. Because of this, Latin Mass at St. Peter Claver will not be celebrated on September 21, and 23. While Fr. Scott is away, please contact Fr. Peter if there is an emergency. The parish office will be open while Father is away. Please do not hesitate to contact Liz if you need anything.
- Join us on September 26 for our virtual Walk for the Poor. The 13th annual Walk for the Poor is going virtual! Because of COVID-19, this year's Walk for the Poor will not be a physical event. Instead, we are asking that you join us on September 26 for our Virtual Walk for the Poor. Walk on your treadmill, through your neighborhood, or on the soccer field. Join us to raise funds for those in need in our Community. Our Walk is a fundraising effort organized by the National Council of St. Vincent de Paul and carried out locally by the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at St. Aloysius and Immaculate Conception Parishes. Every dollar raised benefits people in need who live in St. Mary's County. Last year, the Walk raised \$17,000 from over 300 walkers and 40 sponsors. Our St. Vincent de Paul conferences helped St. Mary's County residents with basic needs including rent, electric, water, food, and medicine. Go to www.fopwalk.org to register. You can also input pledges from your family and friends. If you would rather just send a donation, please mail your check to St. Vincent de Paul, PO Box 310, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Mass & Confession Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00am

Weekday Mass: Monday – Friday 7:30am

Daily Adoration: Monday - Friday 6:00am – 7:15am

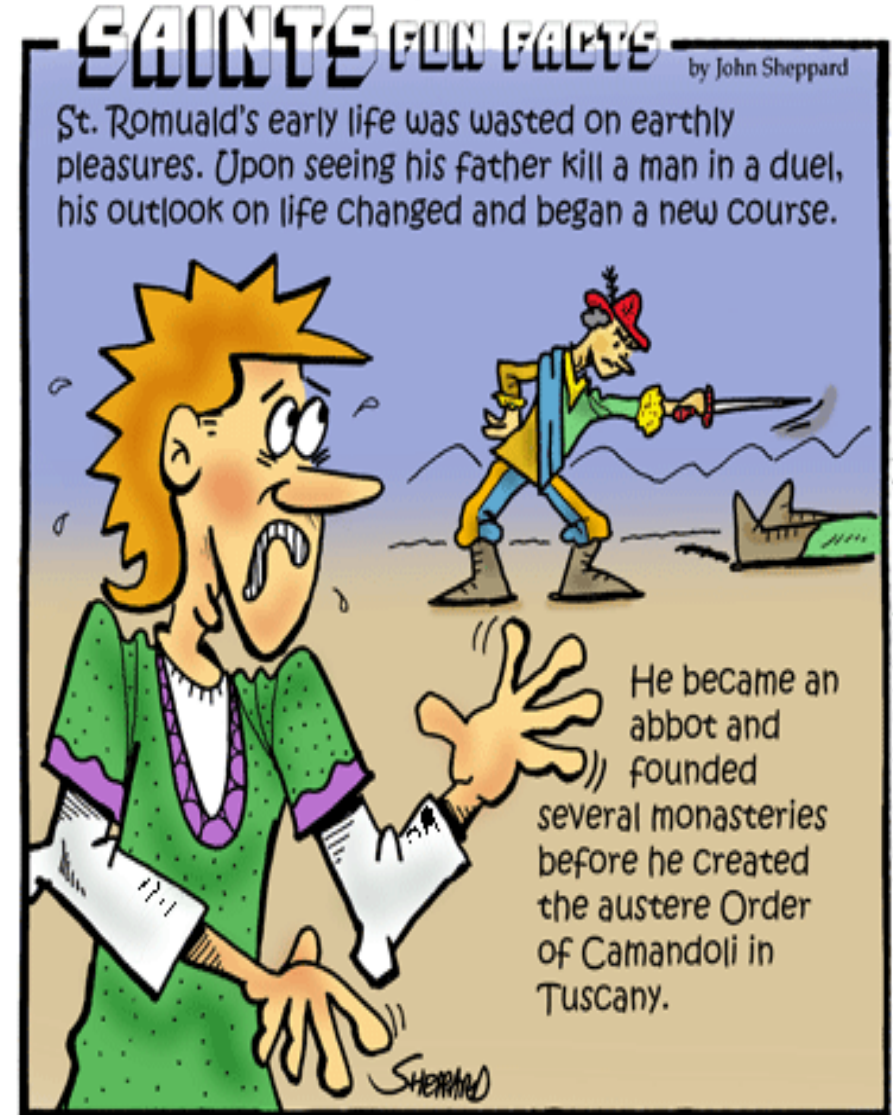
Weekly Confession: Saturdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Latin Mass Schedule at St. Peter Claver

~~Monday & Wednesday 6:00 PM~~ **There will be no Latin Mass on Sep. 21 & 23.**

Sunday Afternoon – 3:00 PM

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 the month. **September: Respect for the Planet's Resources** - We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



Pastor's Keyboard

I have noticed that very few people at St. Peter Claver feel comfortable coming into the church for Mass due to COVID, though many have come to listen to Mass outside in their vehicles. Then they will come to the side door to receive our Lord with great love and respect. So, an idea came to me of offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass outside. I knew this would take a lot of work for the ushers, musicians, and the staff, but everyone loved the idea. Labor Day weekend, we saw a good size crowd. Then came last Sunday.

It started well with great weather and no rain. But then at the start of Mass, there was some mist, and then the rain came during my homily. The few who did not have umbrellas (as most did not) went to their cars. But the fair majority stayed and participated with great joy in the rain. There was a long, socially distanced line to Holy Communion, and they came with joy and great devotion to receive our Lord. It was simply beautiful! And again, a good size crowd came out for Mass.

I have been concerned about what is going to happen if we end up with early and colder Fall weather than usual. Yet, I know Our Lord does not want us to worry. He wants us to trust, pray, and prepare. Pray that the Lord bless our doctors and scientist with wisdom and knowledge to come up with good, moral, and affordable cure that can be given to everyone soon. Pray that the inordinate fear we are all tempted toward during COVID is overcome with trust in the providence of the Lord and prudence in our decisions. Pray that everyone returns to the practice of the faith when the dispensation from Mass is lifted by the bishops.

Until then, let us continue to do all we can to increase our prayer, penances, sacrifices, and worship of the Lord. Remember that the convent chapel with the Blessed Sacrament at St. Peter Claver and the St. Cecilia church are both open 24/7 for private prayer. They are safe, clean, and filled with the Presence of the Lord. Be Not Afraid!

Your Brother and Father in Christ,
Fr. Scott Woods