

WELCOME TO  
**St. Cecilia Church**

September 27, 2020

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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**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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**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am – 12:00pm

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

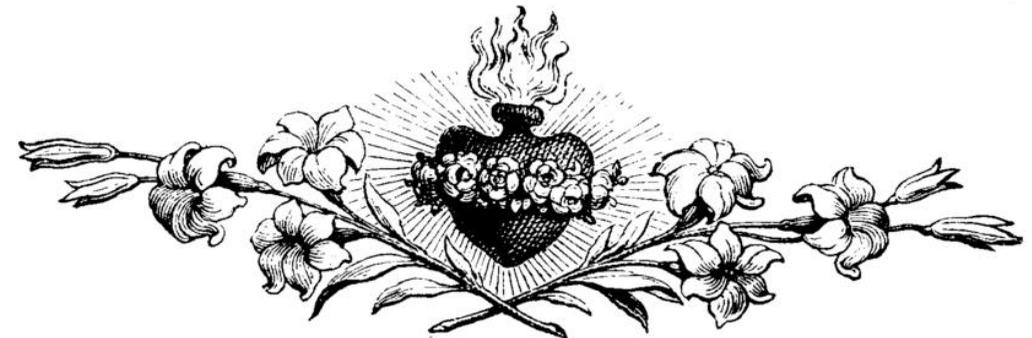
**Other Contact information**

St. Peter Claver: 301-872-5460

St. Michael Church: 301-872-4321

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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 26 – October 2

Saturday 4:30 PM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Barbara Riccardi  
Sunday 8:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners  
Monday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Hall  
Tuesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Edna Carroll  
Wednesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Oliver Collins  
Thursday 7:30 AM For the intentions of our parishioners  
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Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver.

## Announcements & Events

- There will be no second collection for the weekend of October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **St. Mary's Church, Bryantown is hosting a CONFERENCE ON HEALING Oct 23-24, with Dr. Mary Healy.** The conference will be held Friday night, 7-9pm, and all-day Saturday, concluding with 6pm Vigil Mass followed by Healing Service. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch & dinner on Saturday, pay at the door. Due to Covid, space is limited & preregistration is required. You can register through parish Facebook page or by contacting Fr. Conley at [frconley@comcast.net](mailto:frconley@comcast.net). Dr. Mary Healy is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. She serves on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is known nationally for her healing prayer ministry. For more info call parish at 301-870-2220.

## **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

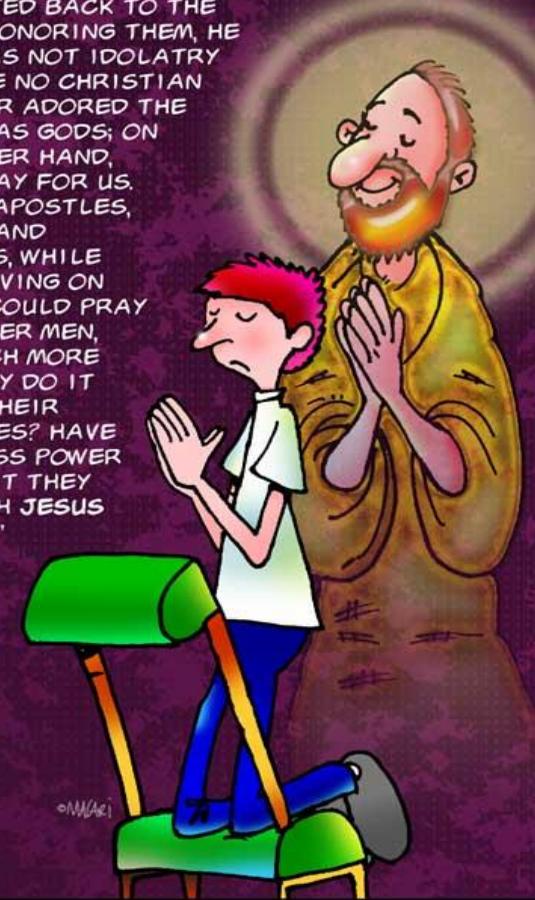
Sunday Afternoon – 3:00 PM

**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.



## **SAINTS FUN FACTS** by mario d. macari

**D**O CATHOLICS WORSHIP SAINTS OR THEIR RELICS? SAINT JEROME, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, HAS THE ANSWER: "WE DO NOT WORSHIP THE RELICS OF THE SAINTS, BUT HONOR THEM IN OUR WORSHIP OF HIM WHOSE SAINTS THEY ARE. WE HONOR THE SERVANTS IN ORDER THAT THE RESPECT PAID TO THEM MAY BE REFLECTED BACK TO THE LORD." HONORING THEM, HE SAID, WAS NOT IDOLATRY BECAUSE NO CHRISTIAN HAD EVER ADORED THE SAINTS AS GODS; ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY PRAY FOR US. "IF THE APOSTLES, SAINTS AND MARTYRS, WHILE STILL LIVING ON EARTH, COULD PRAY FOR OTHER MEN, HOW MUCH MORE MAY THEY DO IT AFTER THEIR VICTORIES? HAVE THEY LESS POWER NOW THAT THEY ARE WITH JESUS CHRIST?"



## *Pastor's Keyboard*

“Then Jesus said, “Let us go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.” Mark 6:31. He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles did not even have time to eat.

The importance of Holy Friendships - As many of you know, I have finally had a chance to get away for another week of vacation with some priest friends from our Archdiocese. Fr. Drew Royals from St. Joseph's Parish has a family lake house in North Carolina that we stayed at last year. The trip was such a blessing to us that on the last day in the parking lot, we said we return and immediately booked a week for the next year to gather again. This year there were five of us, and what a blessing it has been.

So, you may be asking what do priests do on vacation? The most important thing we do is offer mass together, though much later in the morning than normal, thanks be to God! We pray the Liturgy of the hours, which every priest is to pray five times a day (office, morning, daytime, evening, and night). Some of them we pray together and others on our own. We visit a local parish and make an hour-long visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, where we commune with the Lord in silence, letting Him speak in the depths of our hearts. We also pray the rosary together. Never leave home without the rosary!

I know you are thinking this sounds more like a retreat than a vacation. But what would a vacation be like for any Christian, and especially a priest, if a significant part of it were not spent with the one you all love the most. With no phone calls, emails, text, and unexpected visitors to take you away from Him. But obviously, we do more than just the spiritual, though this is the heart of our lives, as should be for every Christian (though one does not need to do all we do).

We take the time to have great conversations about the other great loves of our lives .... Wait .... Wait, yes, you guys! Those we serve in ministry. Some call it a talking shop. We call it our greatest joy and greatest cross. I think every parent can say the same. We talk about what is happening, the good and the bad. We talk about our plans to try to serve God and His holy people better and how we feel we are doing and ask for advice. We talk about the church universal as well as our own archdiocese. We share deeply about our joys and our struggles, and we encourage each other in the

Lord. We also take turns cooking meals, but not me. I am not good at it. I would rather clean dishes any day. If it is warm enough, we swim in the lake, and some go fishing or ride on the boat. But at the center of it all is fellowship in the Lord.

Last year, some asked me, how was your vacation? I said, it was the best one of my whole life. I spent it with my brothers, and it centered on our Lord. I feel that I came back from it more refreshed, encouraged in the Lord, and ready to climb Mount Calvary than ever before.

Please pray for us. This year has been more trying than any of us could have ever imagined. Yet the Lord has seen us through and now wishes us to come away to rest awhile with Him, as He did in the gospels with the apostles. May we rest and return to serve you better and more on fire than we left. All Glory be to God!

Your Father and Brother in Christ,  
Fr. Scott Woods