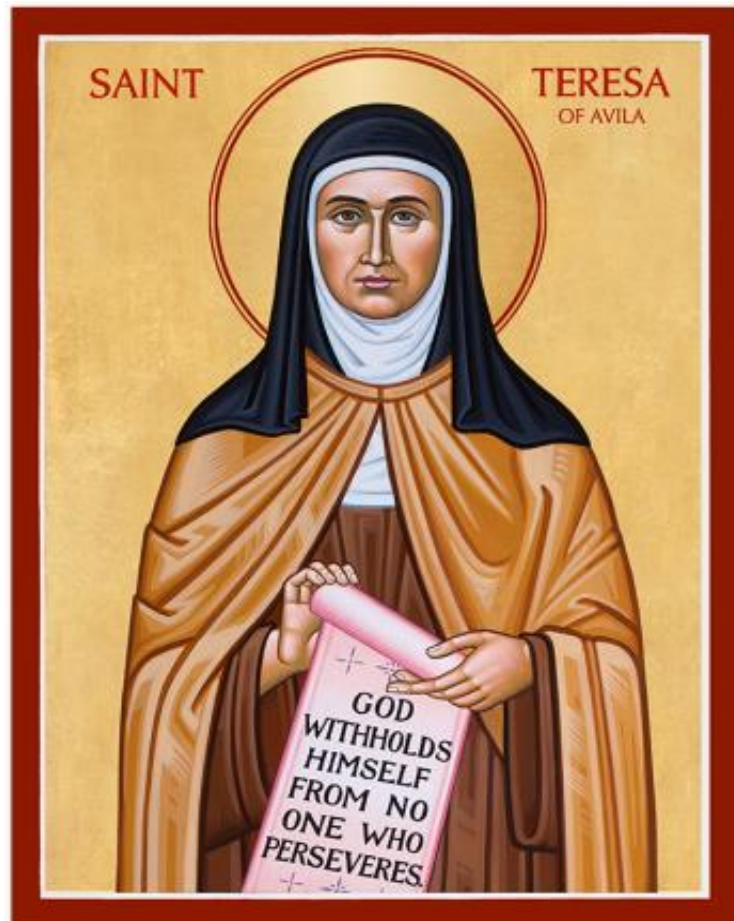


WELCOME TO  
**St. Cecilia Church**  
October 11, 2020

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

**Other Contact information**

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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, Sonny Hunt, 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 Sariego, 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.

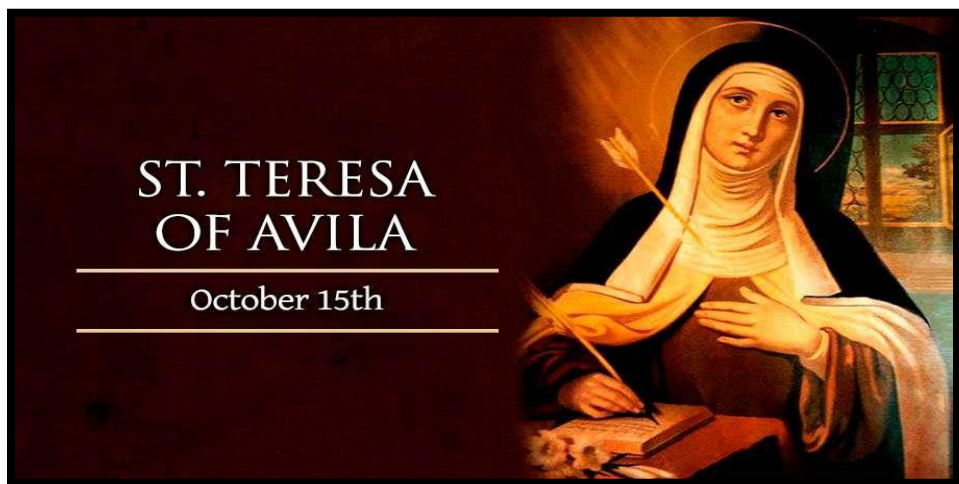
### Mass Intentions for the Week of October 10 - 16

Saturday 4:30 PM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Francis Taylor  
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 intentions of William Jenkins  
Wednesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Barbara Riccardi  
Thursday 7:30 AM For the intentions of Marene Baker  
Friday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Anna Marra  
Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver.

## Announcements & Events

- There will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday the weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Due to unforeseen events**, the Little Bethlehem Christian Group has asked to postpone their visit with us until next weekend, October 17th, and 18th. Please keep their family in your prayers.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will be collecting items for the Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy program. Box of Joy is a service opportunity that has a material and spiritual impact on poor children in developing countries. Please donate whatever you can including a \$9.00 cash donation to the church on any of the days from November 1 through November 13. Make checks payable to "Cross Catholic Outreach".
- **The next "Little Sisters of the Poor Collection Day"** is scheduled for Saturday, 17 October 2020. Donated items may be delivered to the St. Michael's Hall 16441 Three Notch Road, Ridge between 10 A.M. and noon on Saturday, October 17.  
**Some needed items are:** Personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, unscented or lightly scented body wash; hand and body lotions; liquid hand soap; postage stamps; white copier paper; AA and AAA batteries; Hearing aid batteries (size 13); coffee cups with lids; 12 and 16 ounce cold drink cups; Kleenex; various individual cookie, cracker, potato chip, or popcorn snack packs; 12 oz. Gatorade; individual puddings and applesauce; non-perishable foods (canned); bottled water; Giant Food gift cards.

- **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. **October: The Laity's Mission in the Church** - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

## **Pastor's Keyboard**

For so long, I had heard and read of the Saints and Holy people I know speak of their closeness to Mary the Mother of God the Son. They spoke of experiencing this closeness to her, and how much she led them to love and serve her Son better. They spoke of turning to her intercession in difficult situations of life and of their desire to be good sons of such a good Mother. The language was that of love, humility, and intimacy. I struggled with this because I did not experience this.

At first, I thought it was because, as a convert to Catholicism, I had been instilled with so much false teachings about the devotion to the saints, especially Mary, that I was finding it hard to overcome this on a psychological level. But having meditated much in the scripture passages involving Our Lady and on the writings of the earliest Christians, who clearly had a great love and devotion to Mary, I knew this could not be the reason. I thought maybe it was because I did not enter enough into the other great Marian devotions of the church, the Scapular, the Consecration to Mary by St Louis De Montfort, or read enough spiritual books on proper Marian devotion.

I went on a retreat for 8 days of silence with the Lord. There I asked our Lord, who while hanging on the Cross, having given His mother to the care of St John the Apostle; and according to the writings of the earliest fathers of the church, He gave her to everyone who is baptized. Since when we were baptized, we are made members of the Body of Christ. Mary truly becomes Our Mother, too. I asked our Lord why I did not experience this closeness that I knew He wants all of us to have with His Mother?

The reply was that I still had wounds from the relationship I had with my earthly mother. That just as some can find that they struggle having a close Relationship with God the Father because they have struggled in their relationship with their earthly Father. I love my mother so much and felt close to her. So, I then asked our Lord how this could be. He showed me in prayer, times when I closed off my heart to my mom because of wounds she most likely never intended to make in my heart. Because of this, I had to allow the Lord to show me these wounds and bring them before His cross with the willingness to forgive my mother (knowing most of these she would not even now remember). I received not only healing in these moments of prayer but a renewed desire to show love to my earthly Mother and my Heavenly Mother.

This was one of the great blessings of my life. Not only because I was able to have healing in my relationship with my mom, but greater mercy toward others who had hurt me even unknowingly in my past. I was also able to open my heart to the relationship with Mary that would lead me so

much deeper into my worship of her Son Jesus at Mass, and to the acceptance of my own Sonship as a member of His body and as a Beloved son of God, the Father. This deeply affected everything in my life. The Lord did this all through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and through responding to the call to have a relationship with our Heavenly Mother, who is here to aid us toward healing and wholeness only found in her Son.

May we all choose to grow closer in devotion to Our Lady this Month of October and see how she helps us to worship God with greater joy and peace. All praise be to His Name!

Your brother and father in Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Scott Woods