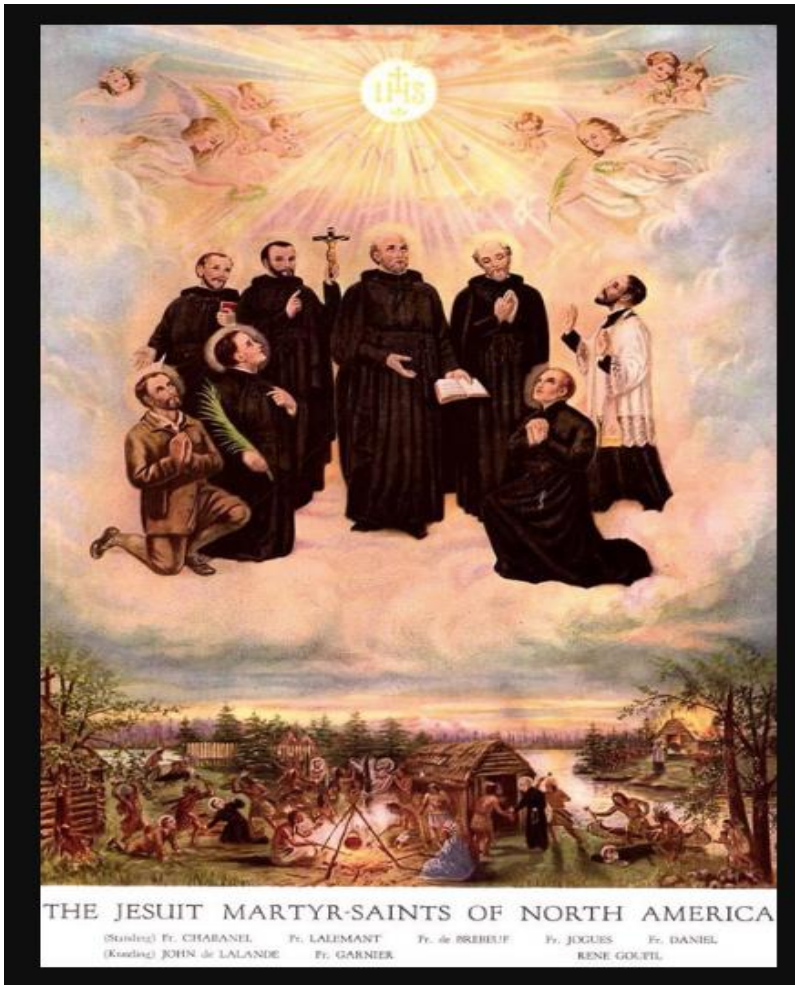


WELCOME TO  
**St. Cecilia Church**

October 18, 2020

*Twenty-Ninth 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.*

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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 17 - 23

Saturday 4:30 PM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Lucille Sivak  
Sunday 8:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners  
Monday 7:30 AM For the intentions of our parishioners  
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 Bill Bowman  
Thursday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Flossye Birch  
Friday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Allan Carroll  
Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver.

## Announcements & Events

- There will be a second collection for the Maintenance Fund on the weekend of October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 21st** for all students receiving Confirmation this year. It will be held at St. Michaels church at 6:30 PM.
- **As we all know, the election day** is quickly approaching. To prepare for this, we will have 24-hour adoration on Tuesday, November 3rd at St. Cecilia. It will start at 8:00 AM and end with Mass the following day at 7:30 AM. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church. Please consider signing up for one hour of prayer.
- **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".

- **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.



**Short Story on the North American Martyrs:** On October 19, we honor the six Jesuit priests and two lay missionaries who we have come to know as the North American Martyrs. Their work for the Lord began in 1636 in the land that would become Canada. Father Isaac Jogues, Father Jean de Brebeuf, and Rene Goupil, a layman with medical training, and other helpers were sent from France to preach the Gospel to Native American tribes in the land that was known at that time as “New France,” and in the land that would become the USA. The other missionaries who traveled to North America were Gabriel Lalement, Noel Chabanel, Charles Garnier, Anthony Daniel, and John Lalande.

These faith-filled men were not welcomed by the Native Americans, who did not trust new settlers. They did not care that these were men of God. The Native Americans only knew that settlers had cheated them in the past and had taken their best hunting grounds.

The missionaries first worked among the Huron tribes. They built a mission near an Indian village. They were accepted by the Hurons because they tried to help them, nursing them through illnesses and teaching them new farming skills. In time, the missionaries were able to begin to teach the Huron people about Jesus. Father de Brebeuf even wrote a catechism in the Native American language to teach the children.

Because the members of Iroquois tribe and the Hurons were enemies, the Iroquois believed that the missionaries were also their enemies. The missionaries wanted to bring peace to these two tribes and to share the Good News with the Iroquois as they had done with the Huron people.

Over the next eight years, these brave missionaries were brutally killed. We know many details about their work among the Native Americans and their deaths because of the letters and journals they wrote.

We honor all these men as saints who died for their faith. They believed with all their hearts in the words Father Daniel is reported to have said as he was killed, “We will meet again in heaven.” The men were all canonized as a group in 1930.

The North American Martyrs planted the first seeds of faith on our continent. We thank God for their bravery. They truly lived Jesus’ command, “Make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

