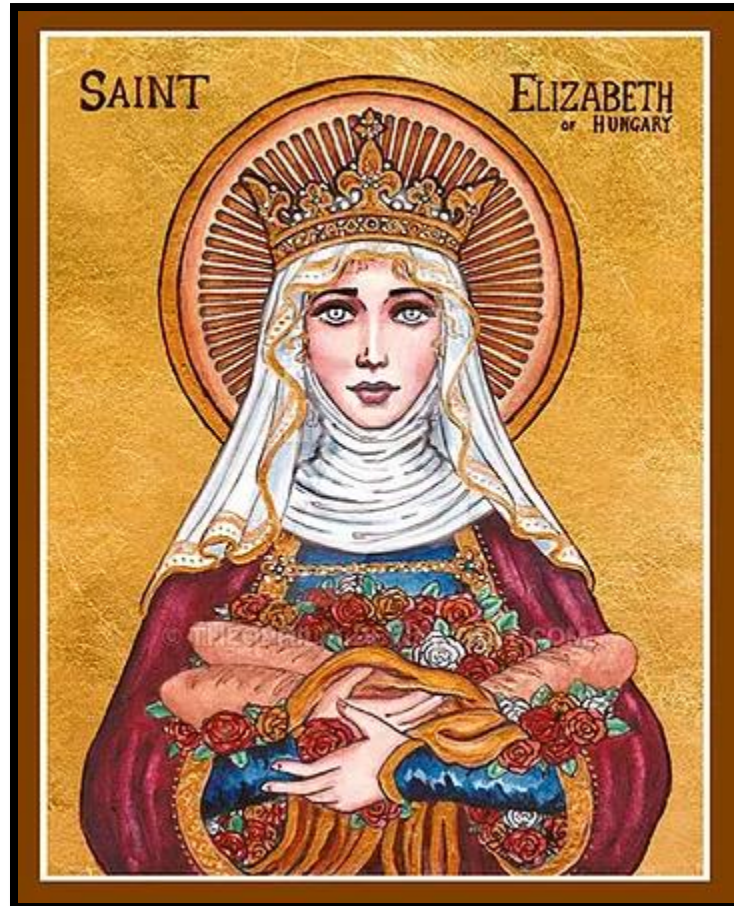


WELCOME TO
St. Cecilia Church

November 15, 2020

Thirty-Third 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

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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, 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 November 14 – 20

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 intentions of Adrian L'Heureux
Tuesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mildred Ada Carroll
Wednesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Phillip Carroll
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 Fr. Ed. Lisson, S. J.
Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver.

Announcements & Events

- There will be a second collection for the Maintenance Fund the weekend of November 21 – 22.
- **The St. Michael's Council in Ridge** is again a collection location for donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor: Saturday, November 21 from 10 A.M. to Noon. Bottled water; non-perishable food; individual snack items; copier and printer paper; paper napkins, trash bags (all sizes) are some items requested. Giant Food gift cards; or checks made payable to the "Little Sisters of the Poor" are gratefully accepted.
- **Angel Tree Project** - Due to COVID, we will not be able to do our traditional Christmas Angel Tree project where parishioners purchase gifts for local families in need. Instead, we will be collecting monetary donations to purchase gifts or gift cards for families. As of right now, there are 16 kids who are signed up. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the website below. We thank you for any amount you are able to give! <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/354ecffb-7952-4ae8-b159-5567f0beb906>
- **Thanksgiving Day Mass Times**
St. Cecilia - 8:00 AM
St. Peter Claver – 10:00 AM

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 21st



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 – 12:00 PM

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers. She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 11th.



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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. **November: Artificial Intelligence** - We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Pastor's Keyboard

During this month of the dead, I especially think and pray often for the soul of my grandmother, Silvia Scott. Her final days were extremely hard. Her kidneys were failing, she had a tracheotomy (incision in her throat to allow for breathing), and was in a hospital for weeks on a floor that was largely silent since all the patients had had the same procedure. She could not call for assistance but had to count on a button they handed her. If it slipped out of her hand, she could not reach for it herself. My grandmother had always been a strong and independent woman. Now she was helpless.

Thanks to the visits of family, friends, and church members, she was well prepared to meet the Lord. Near the end, I asked her if she was ready to meet the Lord, and she signaled to me that she was. She eventually accepted the reality of her coming death, and thanks to a good friend of mine who lived nearby, she was ministered to every day. Often, I would come to visit her, and my friend would have already been there praying with her, reading her scripture, or encouraging her to trust in the Lord. I noticed as she got closer to the end of her sojourn in this life, she watched less tv and spent more time in silence. Her faith grew stronger even as her body grew weaker.

When I received the news from my mother that my grandmother had passed, rather than feeling the extreme sadness I had expected, I felt peace and unexpected joy. When I consulted the Lord as to why wondering if maybe I was not accepting the reality of it, I discovered that it was because I knew she was well prepared for her final judgment. She had made her peace with the Lord and trusted in His love and mercy. During those days, she, and my mother (her daughter), who had not had an easy relationship, was able to reconcile and find peace.

Every time I think of her, I offer up prayers for the repose of her soul. So that if she is in the purgatorial state, she might receive the final graces to see her to her heavenly homeland. I also ask her to pray for me now that she is so much closer to the good Lord. I hope that all of us will have time to prepare to meet Him before our deaths, to trust in Him, and to prepare for our final judgment. This is not granted to everyone but to those who it is what a blessing! Leaving this earth may be far harder than our arrival, but if it helps us prepare better, then how worth it will it be! Ask God daily for the grace of final perseverance in Faith. We know not the day nor the hour.

Your father and brother in Christ,
Fr. Scott Woods

