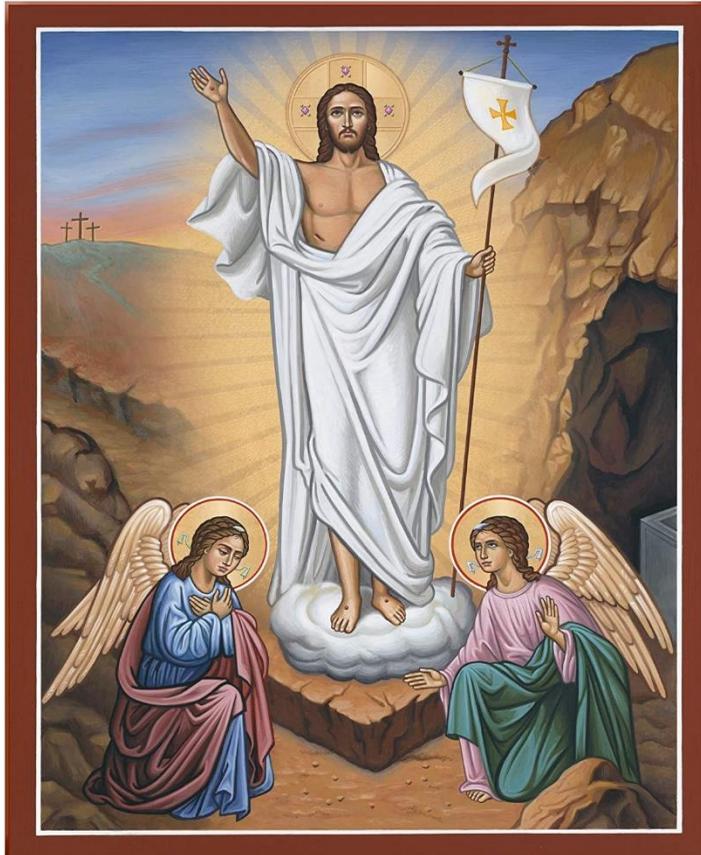


WELCOME TO
St. Cecilia Church
April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord



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.

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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, Rose Bean, Dorothy Berry, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis 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, 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, Kurt Unangst, 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 April 3 - 9

Saturday 4:30 PM For the intentions of our parishioners
Sunday 8:00 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Madeline Bower
Monday 7:30 AM For the intentions of Pat Adams
Tuesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the souls of Bernard & Alice Goldsborough
Wednesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Martha Shumann
Thursday 7:30 AM For the intentions of Ryan Scarlata
Friday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the souls of Bernard & Christine Cameron
Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver

Mass & Confession Time

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 in Baby Haven Room

Latin Mass Schedule at St. Peter Claver

Monday & Wednesday – 6:00 PM

Sunday Afternoon – 12:00 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.

April: Fundamental Rights - We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Announcements & Events

- **We want to thank all of you** for your generous contributions! There will be a second collection for the Poor Fund on the weekend of April 10 & 11.

- **The parish office will be closed**, and Fr. Scott will be away from Monday, April 5th until April 9th. If there is an emergency, Fr. Peter at St. Michaels will be available to help.

- **An altar guild is being established** to make new altar cloths and linens for St. Cecilia's. No experience necessary, but general sewing skills might be helpful. We are going back to the traditional use of linen, which is both biblical and beautiful. This is a lost art, so we will be learning together. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Wendy Carroll at 301-872-9406 or by e-mail at wmcarrroll@md.metrocast.com

- **The Ladies Auxiliary of the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus** will be holding a Bakeless cake sale from now until April 10. If anyone would like to make a contribution to a worthy cause, please make your checks out to The Belles and mail to: The Belles 48095 Turkey Neck Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

- **NEW Bible Series for Women:** This 5-week, in-person series for women is the next installment of The Encounter Grace Bible Series. Join us as we spend time each week with the parables - learning more about why Jesus used them and how they bring to life complex and difficult teachings in a relatable way. Two session locations to choose from: Mondays: 3/29-5/3 (no session on 4/5) at St. Mary's Church, Bryantown MD. 7 pm - 830 pm. Tuesdays: 3/30-5/4 (no session on 4/6) at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown MD. 7 pm - 830 pm. \$49.00. Register: www.encountergrace.co/events-1

- **Knights of Columbus Carry-Out Chicken Dinner** will be on Sunday, April 11, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM, unless we run out early. It will be at the K.C. Hall in Ridge. Please call 301-872-4641 if you have questions.



A New Day has Dawned

Easter Sunday (Year B)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118

Our Easter celebration has begun! Happy Easter!

In many parts of the world, Easter comes in spring. It is the time of year when nature itself brings forth the beginnings of new life. The tulips begin to rise from the cold and dormant earth, the leaves begin to bud on the trees transforming the forest into a sea of green, and the Sun begins to shine with a new radiance, sending warmth at its rising each morning. Creation itself reflects the glory and splendor of the Resurrection of Christ in many ways.

The death of winter reflects the death of Christ and the silence of the tomb experienced on Holy Saturday. Everything goes dormant. Vegetation appears to die and even the animals and insects retreat into various forms of hibernation and immobility. However, at the appointed time, as the warmth of the Sun rises anew, nature itself is called forth from the death of winter into the new life of spring.

The cold winter would be deeply depressing if it were to remain forever. Just imagine if scientists were to tell us that the forthcoming winter was a unique one in that it would now remain forever. Never again would we see the warmth of spring or summer. Never again would we see the insects, plants and leaves on the trees. What a hopeless situation that would be!

But God speaks to us in many and varied ways and one such way is through the cycle of nature. New life is certain! The warmth will return after the winter freeze, nature will rise and the earth will sing again.

If the Father in Heaven is so diligent about caring for the natural creation, how much more does He care for the recreation of humanity? How much more would He have cared for the Resurrection of His own divine Son? How much more does He care for our entrance into the new life won for each of us by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?!

Allow the beauty of creation to be a sign to you of a reality that is infinitely greater. Allow yourself to be drawn into the newness of life that is bestowed upon you by your sharing in the Resurrection of Christ. To rise with Him means you are to become a new creation.

Reflect, today, upon the above line from the Responsorial Psalm for today's Mass. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in." The "day" we rejoice in is the new life God wants to bestow upon your soul here and now. It's a new day, a glorious one, a transformed one, a resurrected one. New life must begin now and must become continually new and glorious as we journey deeper and deeper into the glory of the Resurrection. Ponder this "new day" and allow our Lord to bestow it upon you through the power of His glorious Resurrection from the dead.

My resurrected Lord, my hope is in You! Alleluia, You are alive and You have conquered all sin, all death, all evil. You bring forth new life to all who turn to You in their need. My Jesus, I do turn to You and abandon myself to You in Your death so that I may rise with You in Your Resurrection to new life. Breathe into me this gift of new life and allow me to begin anew. Jesus, I trust in You.

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