

WELCOME TO
St. Cecilia Church

April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday



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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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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 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 Howard Soulliere
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Adrian L'Heureux
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 intentions of Norma Veron
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 no second collection for the weekend of April 17 & 18.

- **All young adults 18-39 are invited to PAX Catholic's day retreat** from 9am-5pm on April 17th at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church (in Solomons.) Join us for a recollective day featuring talks, small groups, fellowship, Adoration, Mass, confessions, and a healing prayers service. Our retreat master will be Fr. Chris Seith, Director of Spiritual Formation at St. John Paul II Seminary. Register now at: <https://www.paxcatholicmd.org/spring-retreat>
Questions? Email Will Bolin at paxcatholicstmarys@gmail.com

- **Chesterton Chat, an information session on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00pm (also on Zoom) at Holy Angel's School.** For the Zoom link and Pre-enrollment, visit: <https://www.chestertonstmarys.org> 301-800-0227

- **Holy Angels Church Seafood Dinner:** On Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until sold out., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD is having our Spring Seafood Dinner Carryout Only. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, and roll. The cost is \$28.00. There will be delicious homemade cakes! Holy Angels Church 's address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, Maryland 20609. For more information, please call the rectory on at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com

Part-Time Job Position

St. Cecilia's is looking for an Office Manager to coordinate administrative duties and office procedures. Your role is to create and maintain a pleasant work environment, ensuring high levels of organizational effectiveness, communication, and safety.

Requirements include:

- Proficient in Microsoft Office (MS Excel, MS Word, and MS Outlook, in particular)
- Superb people skills
- Hands-on experience with office machines (e.g. scanners and printers)
- Excellent time management skills
- The ability to multi-task and prioritize work
- Attention to detail and problem-solving skills
- A creative mind with the ability to suggest improvements

For inquiries about this position, please contact Liz Jenkins at the parish office by phone or email. 301-862-4600 stcecilia@md.metrocast.net



Pastor's Keyboard

This past Easter Sunday, I was blessed to bring three adult men into the church. All three were heavily influenced by the example of faith they saw and experienced in the lives of members of our parish. This should be a good reminder of how much our living out of the faith can lead people away from or to the Lord.

Shawn is a young man in his 20s who works at McKay's Grocery store. He came to know a parishioner of ours who works there, and who has a deep love of the Lord. This parishioner often spoke to him of Jesus and the importance of the Mass and Confession. After many discussions and attending Masses on his own, he felt a great desire to enter the church. At the Easter Vigil, Shawn received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion! His friend, Marcus, who was influential in his conversion, served as his Godfather and Sponsor.

Stephen is a young man in his 20s who just graduated from St. Mary's College. He met Catholic students on campus who took their faith very seriously and lived it out well. Though not Catholic himself, he joined the Catholic Seahawks for Mass, retreats, social gatherings, Bible study, and many other events. This awoke in him a great desire to become Catholic and to receive the Sacraments. Our Catholic Campus Minister, William Bolin, worked with him for almost a year to prepare him to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. At the Easter Vigil, where he was received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church, he had his parents and their current spouses, his brother, and his step-uncle and aunt. They were happy for him and attended to show support with his decision to live a life as a disciple of the Lord in the Catholic church.

Finally, we welcomed Dr. Chuck Benner into full Communion with the church. Raised in another Christian tradition, he had been very active in several Christian churches over the years but has finally found a home in the Catholic Church. He was strongly influenced by his wife, Dr. Patricia Gurney's faith. Coming often with her to Mass, he had a desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. I prepared him with one-on-one classes to enter the church. He consumed the church's teachings with joy and faith. I have known the good doctors for years. They have both come to my rescue many times over the years, as they have for so many of their patients. Dr. Chuck's decision to join the church was incredibly special for me because of our friendship and the blessing of seeing their faith grow together and leading them closer to the Lord, each other, and our parish.

Please pray for all three of these men and their families. Remember, continue to seek to lead others to the Lord by your example, words, and good deeds. Nothing attracts people to Jesus like a Christian filled with the Joy of the Lord. May the many opportunities to receive the grace and love of Jesus this Easter season in your reception of Holy Communion, Confession, daily prayer, personal scripture reading, and bible study set you on fire with the joy and peace of the Lord. From you, may others catch the flame!

Your brother and father in Christ,
Fr. Scott