
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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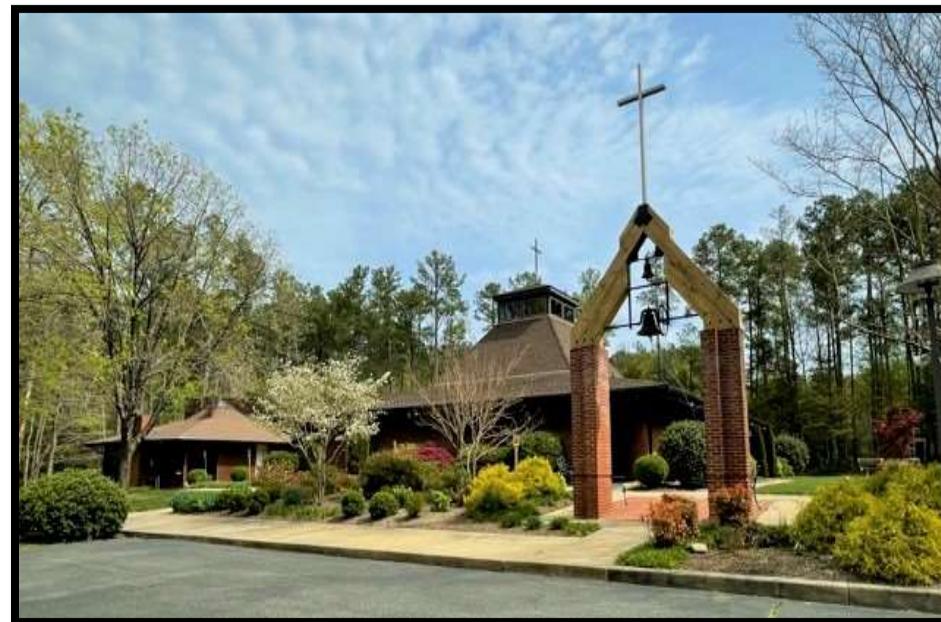
Catholic Cemeteries: 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766



WELCOME TO St. Cecilia Church

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Prayer Intentions

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Joe Spelz, Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Bradley Anderson and Ernie, Kristin Austin, Judy and Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Dorothy Berry, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Sr. Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Judy Collins, 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 Dziejwit. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds, *and* souls.

Mass Intentions for April 24 - 30

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Rosemary Taylor
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Elizabeth Fluhart
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Liz & Cassidy Custard
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 soul of Jack Bohanan
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 the church Confessional

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 Mother's Day on April 24 & 25.

- **We need volunteers** to help collect offertory envelopes during Mass. If you were an usher in the past, or if you would like to become one, please contact Liz at the parish office. Men and women are welcome!

- **World Day of Prayer** will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institute.

- **Part-Time Office Manager Position at St. Cecilia in St. Mary's City:** St. Cecilia is looking for a part-time Office Manager to coordinate administrative duties and office procedures. Requirements needed: Proficient in computer/internet utilization including Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, and Outlook, in particular), superb people skills, hands-on experience with office machines (scanners and printers), excellent time management skills, the ability to multi-task and prioritize work, attention to detail and problem-solving skills, and a creative mind with the ability to suggest improvements. For inquiries about this position, please contact Liz Jenkins by phone 301-862-4600 or by email stcecilia@md.metrocast.net.

THE SPIRITUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE: A BIBLICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH MARY

VITUAL BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to journey through the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary with Dr. Yearick through scripture, meditations, and sharing. There will be speakers around the world examining the details in the life of the Holy Family. You will walk away with a deeper understanding of the life of Christ that will draw you closer to him.

Date: April 14, 2021 – May 26, 2021

Time: Wednesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Cost: Free

Register by sending an email to st.peterclaver@verizon.net with your name, cell number, and mailing address. Call the Parish Office for more info at 301-872-5460.



Pastor's Keyboard: For the first time in U.S. history, less than 50% of citizens attend church or other religious houses weekly. In 1975 (the year I was born), 71% of Americans attended church. This trend was happening long before COVID, but certainly, COVID has made it much worse. It was understandable why people were nervous about attending Mass early on when the churches opened up again without the obligation to go to Sunday Mass. The number of people catching COVID was growing, and we had little knowledge on how the virus spread, and there was great concern about any gatherings of people outside the same household, especially since we did not have a vaccine at the time. But now, anyone who wants to be vaccinated can be, and we know that the chances of catching the virus from touching surfaces are minimal. At least in our area, there have been no major outbreaks stemming from church attendance or schools. Children are returning to school, and people are going to stores and restaurants. As people get the vaccine, many are visiting family and friends. All this is to say I strongly encourage you to return to church. Return to the supreme act we are called to do as Christians, the worship of God on Sunday at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

At St. Peter Claver and St. Cecilia, you can still attend Mass in the parking lot and come in for communion. Both parishes are cleaned between all Masses, and hand sanitizers are available at every entrance. Social distancing is maintained, and masks are worn. There are those in the High-Risk category who have not been able to get the vaccine yet either for medical reasons, age, or other issues, which is understandable. They may need to stay home for themselves or to keep a loved one safe. For this reason, the church has not reimposed the obligation to go to Mass. It is left up to each family and individual to discern if and when they can return to church.

I am especially concerned about how many young adults and younger families are not attending in the numbers they did before. Many have not been to Mass in over a year. I fear that they will continue to stay away even though schools are opening, people are going shopping and visiting friends and family, and playing on sports teams. The message children and teens will get is the worship of God is not essential and not worth the risk. I fear this could endanger future generations far more than the pandemic, for it will then endanger their souls.

I am saying all of this to encourage everyone to invite those who can to return to the full practice of the faith. Whether you worship inside or outside the church. I encourage younger families to ask themselves if sending their kids to school for seven or more hours a day or those who play sports and go shopping is safer than attending Mass for one hour inside or outside of church once a week. Every Sunday is a chance to worship the Lord and receive Him who is the true protector and healer of souls.

Please pray that more of our fellow parishioners who can safely come back to church will choose to do so. Also, pray for those who cannot attend because of pre-existing conditions or other dangers. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted, but the desire should remain strong for us all.

May God Bless you all and guide you in your discernment of these most important things I have touched upon in this Pastor's Keyboard.

Your brother and father in Christ,
Fr. Scott Woods