
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.

Other Contact information

St. Peter Claver: 301-872-5460

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WELCOME TO

St. Cecilia Church

July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prayer Intentions

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: James Thompson, Cecilia Plymale, Mary Destefano, Joseph and Kathleen Notoro, Joe Spelz, Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Bradley Anderson and Ernie, Kristin Austin, Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Dorothy Berry, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Judy Collins, Debi Clark, Joey Cosgrove, Jack Cullison, Celia DeVoe, Erica Dingle, Ed Dishman, Eileen Garvey, Mary Glynn, Mary Gorman, Hannah Gravelle, Jeff Harris Family, James Hensley, John Jovan, Bambi Kwiatkoski, Lynn, John Lolli, Adam Lumpkins, Helen Lococo, Shirley D. Major, Dennis MacQuilliam, Bill Morris, James Morris, Eileen Peterson, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, Joel Rivera, Kimberly Sariego, Tiny Taylor, John F. Thompson, Kurt Unangst, Susan Windburn, 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 July 3 - 9

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Pauline Thumm
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Fran Owens
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Thursday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Lucille Goldsborough
Friday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Bernard and Alice Goldsborough
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Peter Claver

Those who help prepare for and present the Mass each weekend:

Masses:	<u>July 10, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>July 11, 8:00am Sunday</u>
Readers:	Beth Carroll	Helen Thompson
Ushers:	M. Hackert, J. Owens, J. Hall	B. Bowman, J. Greer, Vickie Sanner
Decorations:	Tiny Taylor & Marie Tarleton	
Altar Servers:	See Fr. Scott Woods for scheduling	

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 – 12:30 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.

July: Social Friendship - We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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 July 10 & 11.

- **The Knights of Columbus Carry-Out Chicken Dinner** will be on Sunday, July 11 from 11:30 – 5:00 PM, unless food runs out. It will be \$14 a dinner. Self-serve dining room will be open, and baked goods will be available. K.C. Hall in Ridge. 301-872-4641

- **Volunteer opportunity:** We are in desperate need of help with cleaning the altar linens. As of right now, we only have three volunteers. It is not a difficult job. On your weekend, after the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, you will pick up the

- **Encounter Grace Catholic Women's Retreat:** But Then Jesus is a day and a half retreat at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown MD, Friday, July 23 (6:30-9 pm) and Saturday, July 24 (8:00 am – 3:00 pm). Featuring 4 talks, praise and worship sessions as well as opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration and confession, this retreat is designed to encourage women to rediscover where Jesus is working in their lives today and how to continue to grow deeper in relationship with Him. Tickets on sale now: www.encountergrace.com

Fr. Scott's last day as pastor of St. Cecilia and St. Peter Claver is quickly approaching. He leaves this Wednesday, July 7th. I believe I can speak for all of us when I say he will be dearly missed. But this is not a goodbye. No, this is just a see you later. If not in this life, but Lord willing, in the next. Please keep Fr. Scott in your prayers as he starts this new mission at Sacred Heart.

I also want to take a moment to welcome our new pastor, Fr. Larry Swink. He will be arriving this Wednesday, July 7th. Please pray for him and Sacred Heart as they go through their transition. I have no doubt they are all going through similar emotions we are experiencing. Fr. Larry has a big heart and is excited to start his new mission as our pastor.

Pastor's Keyboard

One of my favorite songs is It's So Hard to Say Goodbye by Boys to Men. It expresses how I feel about leaving our beloved county. Yet, I know the Lord loves us all so much and is aware of every circumstance and desire that we could need, has great things waiting for you and me. Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." We have heard this so many times, I fear the words lack the power they originally had for those first followers of Jesus.

I recently received a text message from a parishioner of Saint Cecilia. It read "I think this is a move up so that you don't get too comfortable. God has great plans for you." As I read these words, I felt they were not just to me and about me. They were also for all of you and those at my new mission. After all, the God of the universe loves each one of us individually and desires not only our salvation but that we grow to trust most in Him.

There can be a danger in clinging too tightly to a particular minister of His sacraments, places, and people, including our loved ones. Jesus says, "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." As easy as these quotes and bible verses are to remember and say, they are not as easy to embrace. We need to allow ourselves to be stretched, to learn to trust even more in the Father's love for us and for those He sends into our lives.

These have been the happiest and most fulfilling years of my priesthood. Through you, God our Beloved Father, has grown me, renewed me, stretched me. I pray that through me, God has done the same for you. I will not say goodbye to you, though some of you may not see me again in this life. My prayer is that we will all meet again in "The Father's house." Earth is not our permanent home. We are all only traveling through. It has been a huge blessing for me to be your Shephard over these 13 years. To lead you closer to our Lord and the home to which He is calling all of us.

Please pray for me, and Father Swink. Your new Shephard was chosen for you by God our Father. He is very gifted and has many blessings the Lord wants to work through Him for you and through you for him. Do not limit what the Lord can do! All is Grace! All will work out for His Glory and our good! Praise be His Name now and forever!

Your brother and father in Christ,
Fr. Scott Woods