
About Our Church

St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church is located in St. Mary's City, MD.

Our Pastor is Fr. Larry Swink

The Assistants are Deacon Tony Sweeney & Deacon Mark Kijesky

CONTACT INFORMATION

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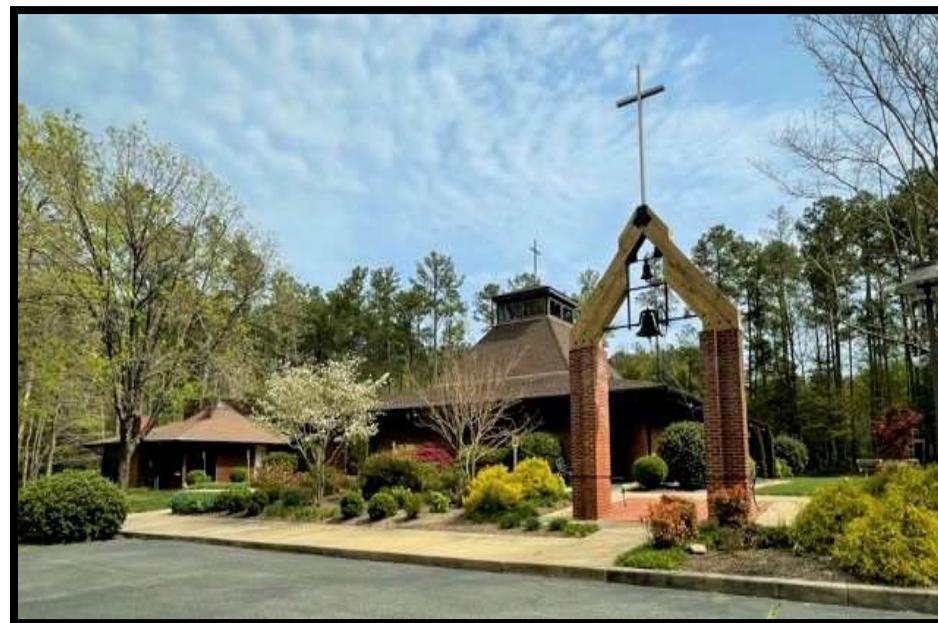


WELCOME TO

St. Cecilia Church

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prayer Intentions

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Peggy Barickman, 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 Dzewit. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds, *and* souls.

Mass Intentions for July 17 - 23

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of Joe Spelz
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 intentions of our parishioners
Friday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Peter Claver

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

Masses: <u>July 24, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>July 25, 8:00am Sunday</u>
Readers: Mary Bell	Joe Spelz
Ushers: J. Owens & J. Hall	B. Bowman, V. Sanner, & J. Greer
Decorations: Marjorie Abuan	

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

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 Maintenance Fund the weekend of July 24 & 25.
- **Parishioners are invited** to resume praying the Holy Rosary every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the church.
- **Fr. Larry will be available for Confession and Spiritual Direction** appointments on Wednesday nights from 4:00-6:00 PM. These appointments will take place at St. Peter Claver in the church confessional. Please visit our website, stceciliarcc.com, to schedule your appointment. Also, during this time, there will be Adoration. Sign-Up is not necessary to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.
- **Volunteer opportunity:** We are in desperate need of help with cleaning the altar linens. As of right now, there are only three volunteers. It is not a difficult job. On your assigned weekend, you will pick up the dirty linens after the weekend Mass. The following weekend we ask that you return them cleaned and ironed. Please contact Elizabeth Sweeney at 301-863-9060 if you would like to volunteer.
- **St. Michael's parish religious education program** has volunteer positions open for catechist for grades 1-6. Qualifications include Be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church; Participate faithfully in the sacramental life of the Church and lead a life that is doctrinally and morally consistent with the person of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Classes are held at St. Michael's school on Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15 beginning September 12, 2021 through May 15, 2022. Please contact Deacon Jim via email james.dominic1957@gmail.com for more information.

Job Opportunities

- **Part-Time Secretary Position at St. Cecilia in St. Mary's City:** St. Cecilia is currently seeking 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
- **Holy Face Church, Great Mills, MD,** is currently seeking a part-time Parish Bookkeeper/HR Administrator -- This position is responsible for executing all aspects of the parish's accounting and HR activities, under the direction of the ADW Finance and HR offices. The ideal applicant has 3-5 years of relevant accounting experience. Applicants must be willing to meet Archdiocesan requirements for upholding Catholic identity, undergo a background check, and participate in child protection training. More details can be found at <https://adw.org/about-us/resources/careeropportunities/>.
- **St. Mary's Catholic School in Bryantown** is seeking to hire a Third Grade Teacher and a Music Teacher for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Please contact Catherine Silverstone, Principal, at silverstone@bryantown.org or by phone at 301-932-6883.

Pastor's Keyboard: Spend at least 10 minutes a day in mental prayer...

A lot of good Catholics pray the Rosary daily, some go to daily Mass, but very few spend time in mental prayer. It is vitally important to learn to spend some time every day in mental prayer. Today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "***Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while...***"

What is mental prayer?

Teresa of Avila describes mental prayer as follows:

Mental prayer is nothing else but being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him.

Mother Teresa once said:

In vocal prayer we speak to God; in mental prayer he speaks to us. It is then that God pours Himself into us.

It is how we get to know Jesus in an intimate way and become friends with Him...

How do we do it?

1) **Settle down** in a quiet place.

Jesus says to the Apostles in today's Gospel:

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

A key to good prayer is a suitable place for prayer...

St. Francis de Sales says: "If you can perform it in church, so much better...because he goes on to say you could not easily insure uninterrupted hour at home..."

If you can't sit in a church find a spot at home that is quiet.

2) **Set a time....**

There is an expression, "**A WHAT WITH A WHEN IS A NEVER!**" St. Francis de Sales says: "***if you can, let it (prayer) early in the morning...***"

The reason he says so is because "your mind is less cumbered and more vigorous after the night's rest..."

This is very much what our Lord Jesus, our savior did when he was walking on the earth...

It says in the Gospel of Mark 1:35:

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed..."

Whether it is in the morning or evening, there has to be specific time to pray. I tend to pray early in the morning because there are no distractions.

3) SEEK Christ in the Scriptures...

The catechism of the Catholic Church states:

"We are usually helped by books, and Christians do not want for them: the Sacred Scriptures, particularly the Gospels..."

4. Solicit advice by asking questions...

It says in the Gospel: "...he began to teach them many things."

After prayerfully reading the Gospel of the day, solicit advice from Jesus with the following questions:

- 1) ***What... does this Gospel say?***
- 2) ***So, What...? What does this word say to me?***
- 3) ***Now what? What needs to change in me because of this word...?***

Do this ten minutes a day and you will begin to know and love Jesus more and more.

Fr. Jaques Phillipe in his book "A Time for God" says;

"Time spent faithfully every day in mental prayer that is poor, arid distracted and relatively short is worth more, and will be infinitely more fruitful for our progress, than long ardent spells of mental prayer from time to time, when circumstances make it easy..."

Peace!

Fr. Larry