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## **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**

**Sacramental/Last Rite Emergencies: (240) 844-2550**

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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

St. Michael Church: 301-872-4321

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

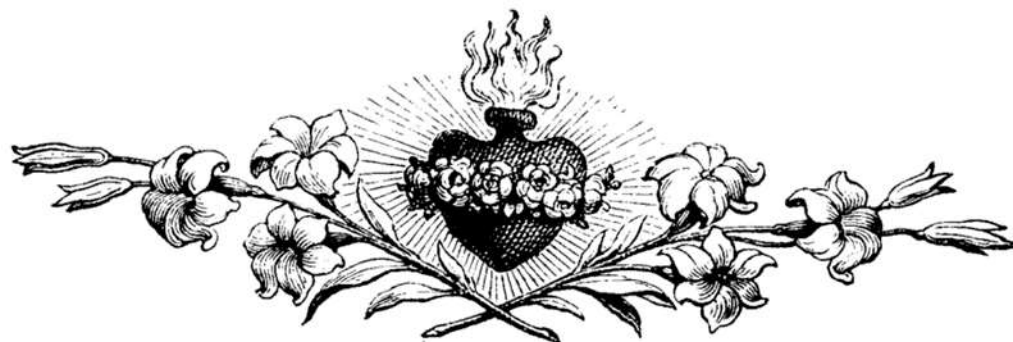
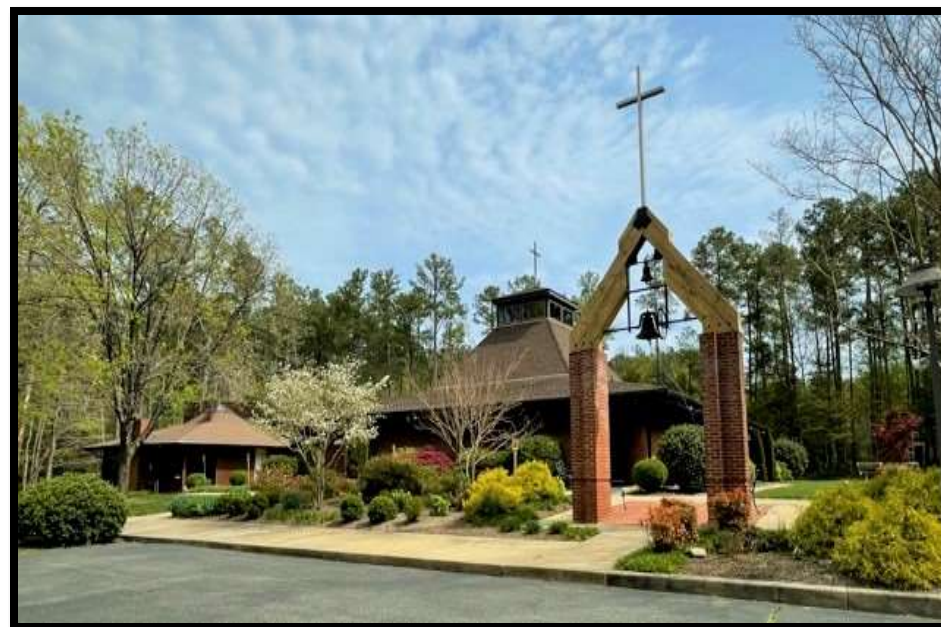
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WELCOME TO

# St. Cecilia Church

September 19, 2021

**The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## Prayer Intentions

**Please remember all who have asked for our prayers:** Anita Tate, Peggy Barickman, James Thompson, Cecilia Plymale, Mary Destefano, Joseph and Kathleen Notoro, Joe Spelz, Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Ernie, Kristin Austin, Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, 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 September 18 – September 24

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Charlotte Shackelford
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Chester Ladilik
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Thursday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of TASTE
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:** September 25, 4:30pm Saturday      September 26, 8:00am Sunday  
**Readers:** Walter Carroll      Joe Spelz  
**Ushers:** J. Owens & J. Hall      B. Bowman, V. Sanner, J. Greer  
**Decorations:** Marjorie Abuan

### ***Mass, Adoration & Confession Times***

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday Morning: 8:00am  
Weekday Mass: Monday – Friday 7:30am  
Daily Adoration: Monday - Friday 6:00am – 7:15am; Monday 4:00pm – 6:00pm  
Weekly Confession: Saturdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm and by appointment

***Latin Mass at St. Cecilia*** - Monday at 6:00pm with Adoration beginning at 4:00pm.

***Spiritual Direction*** – Available at St Cecilia’s on Mondays from 4:00pm - 5:40pm. Please see Parish website for link to sign up.

**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.

**September: Universal Intention: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle** – We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

## **Announcements & Events**

- **We want to thank all of you** for your generous contributions! There will be second collection for the Maintenance Fund on the weekend of September 25-26.

-**Monday Night Latin Mass** is celebrated at St. Cecilia's at 6:00pm. Adoration will begin at 4:00pm.

- **Wednesday Evening Mass** is celebrated in English at St. Peter Claver Church in St. Inigoes, MD at 6:00PM. It is preceded by Adoration and Confession from 4:00pm-5:45PM.

• **Little Flower Society** - We are very pleased to announce that we are soon beginning a new ministry open to middle school and high school age young ladies called the Little Flower Society. These young ladies will learn and perform the vital ministry of Sacristan. Please contact the parish office for more details.

- **Volunteer Opportunity** – Father Larry is in need of people who can set up the church for mass, called sacristans. The Sacristan is a vital part of ensuring the Mass is prepared properly. If you are interested, please call the church office.

- **RCIA** – Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or coming into the Church? Are you missing any of your sacraments? If you are interested in this opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith with Father Larry, please call the Church office and let us know by September 26, 2021.

- **All are welcome** to Join a Roman Catholic Mass on St. Clement's Island in Colton's Point, Maryland on Sunday, October 3, 2021 beginning at 3:00 PM. This is the site of the Maryland's first colonial landing in 1634 and the birthplace of religious freedom in America. The Mass will be celebrated by - Father Stephen Wyble, Pastor of Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD and Sacred Heart Church, Bushwood, MD . Join us for a special celebration Blessing of the Fleet Admission: \$10.00 (children 10 and Under: Free) Includes: Free Boat rides to St. Clements Island to attend the Mass as well as Free Admission to St. Clements Island Museum. Sponsored by the Optimist International Friend of the Youth. For more

information Contact: John Laychak, Blessing of the Fleet Chairman at 410-610-3457 or gamehunter.md@yahoo.com

- **Men's retreat for all St. Mary's County Parishes** - Give a weekend to God! You are invited to join other parishioners for a grace-filled weekend retreat at Loyola On The Potomac--A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. The theme for this year's Ignatian Weekend Retreat is "Seeing All Things New in Christ". Rooted in the traditions of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the retreat is conducted in prayerful silence and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. The retreat begins Friday evening, October 22nd and concludes with lunch on Sunday, October 24th. For more info or to make a reservation contact Charlie Tennyson, 240-538-2560. A deposit of \$115 is required. The fee for the weekend is \$245. You can reserve on line at [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com) .

-**Afghan Refugees Need Assistance!** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is one of two organizations leading the effort to find secure housing, food, and supplies for Afghan SIV arrivals in the mid-Atlantic area. You can assist their efforts to outfit apartments for refugee families, using the Amazon wish-list located at the link below. (The intersection of COVID19 coupled with the State Department requirements for outfitting refugee housing translates into delivering as many new items to the families as possible.) [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/G0EPWH86L6MC/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/G0EPWH86L6MC/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex). Feel free to use this list as a guide at other stores such as Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's, Kohl's, Burlington, or Big Lots – they have many similar/equivalent items. Currently, CCDA is concentrating on small, household, kitchen, and bedding items. For those donations not purchased through AMAZON please: MRS/Catholic Charities, 80 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203 | office: 703.520.4011.

-**Catholic families** deserve to be safe and loved at home. Families suffering abuse can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233. Most Reverend Roy Edward Campbell, Jr, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., will be the presider and homilist for a special vigil mass on domestic violence October 2nd at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited and need to register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mass-in-observance-of-domestic-violence-awareness-month-washington-dc-tickets-154714424007>

## Pastor's Column:

### **Lord make me humble!**

This weekend our Lord challenges the apostles and us to be humble..

This weekend's Gospel says:

*"What were you arguing about on the way?"*

*But they remained silent.*

*They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.*

*Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,*

*"If anyone wishes to be first,*

*he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*

St. Josemaria has a famous quote on checking our humility. He says:

263 "Allow me to remind you that among other evident signs of a lack of humility are:

- Thinking that what you do or say is better than what others do or say;
- Always wanting to get your own way;
- Arguing when you are not right, or when you are, insisting stubbornly or with bad manners;
- Giving your opinion without being asked for it, when charity does not demand you to do so;
- Despising the point of view of others;
- Not being aware that all the gifts and qualities you have are on loan;

- Not acknowledging that you are unworthy of all honour or esteem, even the ground you are treading on or the things you own;
- Mentioning yourself as an example in conversation;
- Speaking badly about yourself, so that they may form a good opinion of you, or contradict you;
- Making excuses when rebuked;
- Hiding some humiliating faults from your director, so that he may not lose the good opinion he has of you;
- Hearing praise with satisfaction, or being glad that others have spoken well of you;
- Being hurt that others are held in greater esteem than you;
- Refusing to carry out menial tasks;
- Seeking or wanting to be singled out;
- Letting drop words of self-praise in conversation, or words that might show your honesty, your wit or skill, your professional prestige...;
- Being ashamed of not having certain possessions...

Lord help me to be humble!

In Christ,

Fr. Larry