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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**

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00am – 2:00pm

*The office will be closed on Thursdays, Holy Days and Federal Holidays.*

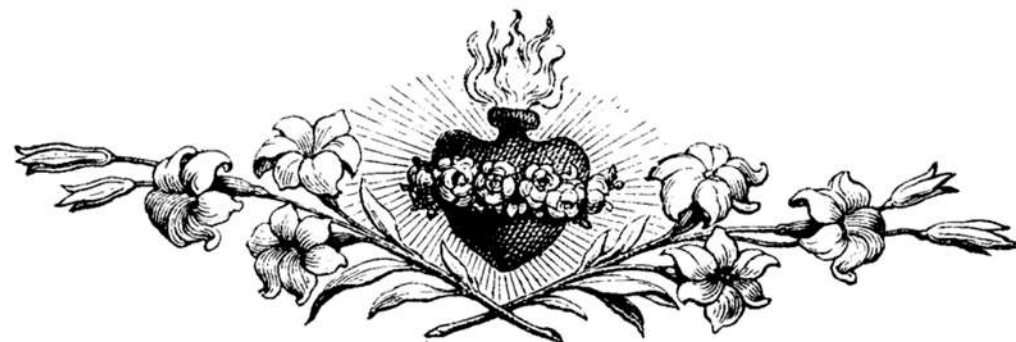
### Other Contact information

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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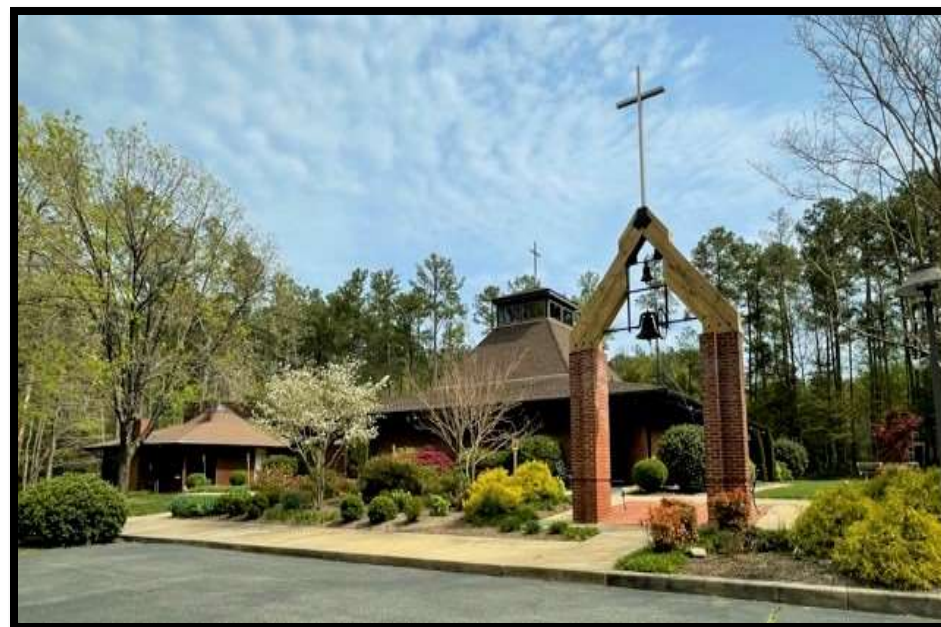


WELCOME TO

# St. Cecilia Church

September 26, 2021

**The Twenty Sixth 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 25 – October 2

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Krystal Badmann
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Anthony Selmont
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Anita Tate
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Edna Carroll
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:***

<b>Masses:</b>	<u>October 2, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>October 3, 8:00am Sunday</u>
<b>Readers:</b>	Mary Bell	Patti & Mike Thumm
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Tarleton, W. Carroll	B. Goldsborough, J. Fenwick
<b>Decorations:</b>	Barbara Bowman	

### ***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; 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 no second collection on the weekend of October 2-3.
- **Monday's Latin Mass at St Cecilia's will be cancelled for this week.** Please join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park on Monday, September 27 at 7:00pm for a *Mass with healing prayers, Adoration and Confession.* Confessions begin at 6:30pm.
- **First Friday Mass** - In addition to the 7:30am Mass at St Cecilia's, we will be offering First Friday Mass with devotional at St Peter Claver beginning this Friday, October 1 at 7:00pm.
- **Public Rosary** - Saturday, October 2nd, at 12:00pm a Public Rosary will be said at African American Monument and Freedom Plaza at 21744 South Coral Drive Lexington Park.
- **St Cecilia's needs volunteers!** Lectors and Sacristans are vital to the ministry of the Church, and we are in short supply. Please consider volunteering. Remember, many hands make light work. If you are interested, please call the church office.
- **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.
- **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.
- **St. Peter Claver Gospel** Choir will be ministering in music at the St. Mary's County Fair on Family Day on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at about 2:00pm in the outside Gospel Tent. Please come out and support them as they pursue their mission of winning souls for Christ.

-**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) .

- **St Clements Island Mass** - 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](mailto:gamehunter.md@yahoo.com).

- **Marriage Workshop:** Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Workshop Oct 9-10, 2021. A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. Make your marriage thrive, not just survive! The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$400 per couple. Seating will be limited to facilitate social distancing. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. See our website for more details about measures to limit exposure to illness, details about the program and links to register: [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org) .

Pastor's Column:

## The Hell there is!

This weekend the Lord warns us of the existence of Hell....  
No one loves us more than Jesus and no one spoke more about Hell than Jesus.

***Jesus says:***

***"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.  
It is better for you to enter into life maimed  
than with two hands to go into Gehenna,  
into the unquenchable fire.  
And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off.  
It is better for you to enter into life crippled  
than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna.  
And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out.  
Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye  
than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna,  
where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"***

What does our Mother Church teach us about Hell?

***1035 The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire."617 The chief punishment of hell***

***is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.***

We don't need to be paralyzed with fear of Hell, but we must be sober about its existence. God wants no one to go to Hell, that's why he died for us...We must trust in his mercy, make sure we use confession if we fall into mortal sin, and at times reflect that Heaven and Hell are eternal.

St. Josemaria Escriva had a great line:

***"Those who think about Hell are the farthest away from it."***

Jesus I trust in You!

Fr. Larry