
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

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WELCOME TO St. Cecilia Church

October 3, 2021

The Twenty Seventh 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 October 2 – October 9

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the intentions our parishioners
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Louise Spelz
Monday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Helena Gamrot
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 Marian Frentz
Friday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Chester Ladilik
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Peter Claver

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

Masses: <u>October 9, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>October 10, 8:00am Sunday</u>
Readers: Pat & Angie Collins	Helen Thompson
Ushers: J. Owens, J. Hall	B. Bowman, J. Greer, V. Sanner
Decorations: Tiny Taylor & Marie Tarleton	

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.

October: Universal Intention: For Evangelization: Missionary Disciples – We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Announcements & Events

- **We want to thank all of you** for your generous contributions! There will be a second collection on the weekend of October 9-10 for the poor.

-WOMEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION – OCTOBER 12TH, 7:00PM - ST. CECILIA CHURCH.

Are you weary of these times where darkness seems to be consuming the world? "Therefore, take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to withstand" Eph 6:12. This month's talk is "Stand Firm – Spiritual Bootcamp." What practical spiritual armor does God have for us? We invite all women to come and be fortified for these times. Draw strength from the Lord and His mighty power. Evening includes Eucharistic Adoration, talk, Confession, and healing prayers.

- **MEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION** with Fr. Larry Swink on Saturday October 30th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church in St. Indigoes, Md. This morning recollection will feature a Holy Hour, Mass, Confession, and a talk by Fr. Larry. The topic of Father Larry's discussion will be "never forget devotion to the souls in Purgatory". All men are invited.

--**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CARRY-OUT CHICKEN DINNER** – Scheduled for Sunday, October 10, 2021, has been cancelled.

-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 .

- **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.

- **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 .

-**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #1470 WHEN: Saturday, 16 October 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM WHERE: Knights Hall, 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650 HOW: Sign up at: WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG then insert KOC1470 into the box FIND A DRIVE in the upper right corner. Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS(1-800-733-2767). After registering for your donation appointment, use Rapid Pass the DAY of the drive to fast track your donation "check in." Go to: www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to learn more.

Pastor's Column:

What is God's Plan for marriage?

This week on Respect Life Sunday, Jesus puts forth God's plan for marriage...

1. Marriage is **FOREVER**: Jesus says, "Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Today, one half of marriages in the United States end up in divorce. Jesus died on the Cross to give couples the grace to stay together in good times and in bad, until death do them part..."
2. Marriage is about **FAITHFULNESS**: Jesus says, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote this commandment." Jesus is replying to the Pharisees who said, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her."

One of the primary reasons men and women divorce is because over time their hearts are "hardened" because one or both stops being faithful to showing true love to one another. A great book for couples to read is *"The 5 Love Languages"*. In this book, the author Gary Chapman explores the 5 ways men and women express love. The book helps a wife and husband to figure out what makes their spouse feel loved. Inevitably, when a couple does this and is faithful to this, the marriage becomes very strong. Also, faithfulness to prayer and the sacraments make a couple fireproof in their relationship.

Anything that takes one's heart away from one's heart must go! That can be anything from a "particular friendship" with a person of the opposite sex at work that is too emotionally charged, an addiction to pornography, or to a hobby that draws too much time away from your spouse and children.

3. Finally, Marriage is about **FRUITFULNESS**: Notice this week the Responsorial Psalm says:

"Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table."

Marriage is about having children that God wants a couple to have. John Paul II in a homily when he came to the United States said, "Fathers and Mothers give your sons and daughters the gift of brothers and sisters." The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of offspring." A married couple is called to be open to children and raise them to know God.

In Christ,
Fr. Larry