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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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*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

October 10, 2021

**The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**





## *Announcements & Events*

- **We want to thank all of you** for your generous contributions! There will be a second collection on the weekend of October 16-17 for World Missions.

-**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.

-**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed this Monday, October 11, in observance of Columbus Day.

-**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** -Father Larry Swink will be teaching a bible study on the Book of Revelation on Wednesdays at 7:30PM beginning October 20, 2021. The study will be available both in person and virtually via zoom. Please register for the study by sending an email to [st.peterclaver@verizon.net](mailto:st.peterclaver@verizon.net) and indicate your name, cell number and whether you will be attending in person or virtually so that the appropriate accommodations can be made. Deadline for registration is Friday, October 15, 2021. You will only need your bible for the study. Please spread the word. All are invited.

- **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 this Sunday, October 10, 2021, has been cancelled.

-**CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND** will be holding its first annual *Clergy Cycle*, a 22-mile bicycle ride along the scenic Three Notch Trail (11 miles each way) on Saturday morning, October 12, 2021, beginning at 9am. Father Larry and other local clergy and deacons will be participating in the event to raise money for the center. Every mile they ride and every dollar you pledge makes a difference in the lives of the women

and babies in Southern Maryland. 100% of the donations will go towards their care! To donate online go to: <https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/events/clergy-cycle/> or fill out one of the cards in the pew.

-**OCTOBER IS THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MONTH** -Open to all Catholic men 18 years and older. Please consider joining Council #2065 in Ridge MD. Joining is easy online at [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) under "Get Involved". Membership is free through 31 Dec 2021. Our meetings are every 3rd Monday of the month, 7:30-8:30 pm at our council hall. For additional information contact Rich Muir at 240-538-1888 or [richard.muir302@gmail.com](mailto:richard.muir302@gmail.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.

-**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 online at [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com) .

**First Annual Pro-Life Art Contest** - The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will be hosting the first annual pro-life art contest! Submissions are due on January 21, 2022 and will include protest art, visual art, and video art. Please see the attached flyer for more information, and please share the attachments on social media! For more information, contact [prolife@adw.org](mailto:prolife@adw.org) or visit <http://youthrallyandmassforlife.org/> .

Pastor's Column:

**The Eye of the Needle and the Virtue of Detachment**

This week in the Gospel Jesus speaks about the danger of riches and that greed can block our entrance into Heaven if we are not careful...Notice it says in the Gospel:

*Jesus again said to them in reply,  
"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!  
It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle  
Than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."*

I was always puzzled by the "eye of the needle". What does that mean? I found one possible explanation. Jerusalem was a walled city with big gates and small gates. The small gates were called the Needle Gate and they were used when the city's main gates were closed at night and used for people entering the city "after hours."

It was designed for security reasons so that enemies could not simply ride into the city on their camels and attack. The gate was so small that man would have to unload his camel of all that it was carrying and then carefully lead his camel through this small gate. It was a slow and quite difficult task. You can see that it would be difficult for a camel to get through that door, but no impossible.

Thus, a person had to unload all their baggage in order to get into Jerusalem. What "baggage" do we need to unload in order to enter the Heavenly Jerusalem?

In Christ,

Fr. Larry

Annual Parish Financial Report						
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2021						
St. Cecilia Parish (428) St. Mary's City, MD						
Fiscal year ended June 30,						
2020 2021 2022 Balance at June 30,						
Actual Actual Budget 2020 2021						
<b>Parish Income Statement</b>				<b>Balance sheet highlights for parish</b>		
Income				Assets		
Offerory collections	180441.74	188653.02	196500	Cash and investments available for operations, at market value	304992.68	359605.59
Donations and bequests	100369.19	88865.53	72300	Restricted assets	0	
Investment Inc./Change in Mkt Value	7784.98	73568.86	13500	Fixed assets and other assets	949998.41	962951.96
Rental income	8600	2200	0	Total assets	1254991.09	1322557.55
Religious education	0		0	Liabilities		
Other income	0		0	Accounts payable	10389.92	19975.46
	0	0	0	Restricted liability	0	
Total income	297195.91	353287.41	282300	Fund balance	1243801.17	1302582.09
Expenses				Total liabilities and fund balance		
Salaries and benefits	92016.8	134347.41	108033			
Parish life and worship	28780.07	22475.5	16500			
Rectory and parish clergy	16909.6	12571.08	12200			
Religious education	10840.88	3730.68	13000			
Social concerns	32470.7	42256.01	32000			
Administration and other	10717.91	10545.27	14700			
Facilities and maintenance	37684.32	33901.84	49490			
Land, Furnishings, Eq, Imprmnts	0		0			
Archdiocese assessments	24233.22	26009.02	27000			
Support of regional school	8077.74	8669.68	9000			
Total expenses	261731.24	294506.49	281923			
Net income	35464.67	58780.92	377			
				National Collections		
				Amounts collected and remitted in the		
				Archdiocese National Collections		
				8224 7428.97		
				Fiscal year ended June 30,		
				2020 2021		
				Registered families		
				106 141		
				Sacraments celebrated		
				11 23		
				Baptism		
				3 8		
				First Communion		
				2 4		
				Reconciliation		
				2 4		
				Confirmation		
				2 2		
				Matrimony		
				2 5		
<b>Finance Council FY 20:</b> Fr Scott Woods, Cathy Bush, Mark Kijesky, Ernie Hall, Anya Naegle						
<b>Accountant:</b> Laura Lancaster						
NOTES						
Salaries/Benefits						
Since our pastor serves two parishes, payroll for both is processed under one parish and interparish transactions are processed to record the amount that belongs to each parish.						
FY 20 Salaries appear lower as a result of the PPP loan (COVID relief). Salary expenditures incurred for the last 6 weeks of FY2020 were not allocated to St Cecilia Church.						
For the PPP Loan period, all salaries were reported on St Peter Claver Church's records in order to accommodate the loan forgiveness process.						
FY 2021 Salaries include \$36,000 in compensation related to the Summer Helper Program. We received donations designated for this program to cover this amount.						
The FY 2022 Salary budget includes \$1,500 for our assigned seminarian. The Summer Helper program was transferred with Father Scott.						