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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.*

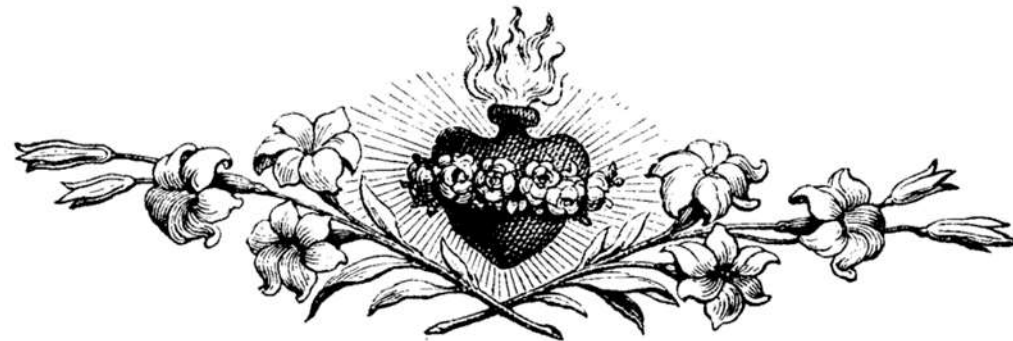
### Other Contact information

St. Peter Claver: 301-872-5460

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WELCOME TO

# St. Cecilia Church

October 31, 2021

**The Thirty First 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 November 6-7 for the Archdiocese Priest Retirement.

-**CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT** – All men are invited to attend the Catholic Men's Retreat on December 3-5, 2021 at Loyola on the Potomac in Faulkner, MD. Registration has begun. Please see a flyer in the foyer of St Cecilia's or go to <https://www.sacredheartlplata.org/st-michaels-retreats.html> for more information and to sign up. Please join us for a spiritually powerful weekend of worship, learning and fellowship.

-**ROSARY AT ST. CECILIA'S** – The Rosary will be said at St Cecilia's on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. Please join us in devotion to Our Lady.

-**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT** - Encounter Grace, a local Catholic women's group, will host a Catholic women's retreat on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 8 am - 3 pm, at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown MD. This retreat will focus on helping women rediscover where God is at work in their everyday lives. Tickets on sale now at [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co) Email [hello@encountergrace.co](mailto:hello@encountergrace.co) with any questions.

- **WOMEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION** – The next Women's Night of Reflection will be on Tuesday, November 9th at St. Cecilia Church. The talk will be "The Hidden Power of Forgiveness." Fr. Swink will be available for confessions beginning at 6PM. You are invited to join in the parish rosary at 6:30PM. Our evening will officially begin at 7PM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Fr. Swink's talk and healing prayers.

-**A NOTE FROM CARENET PREGNANCY CENTER** – “Thank you to everyone who pledged to support Care Net's first annual Clergy Cycle! All the clergy participants successfully rode 22 miles which yielded over \$31,000 pledges raised for Care Net Pregnancy Center. You will be contacted by Care Net to satisfy your pledge. Thank you for your generosity.”

- **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.

-**YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE** - Each year, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington hosts the Youth Rally and Mass for Life, inviting groups from across the country to celebrate the gift of human life and to advocate on behalf of the unborn. The *Youth Rally and Mass for Life* will be held live from Capital One Arena on *January 21, 2022* beginning at 8:00 AM (doors will open at 7:30 AM). There will also be a virtual event for groups that are not able to attend live. Go to <https://adwyouth.org/rally-and-mass-for-life> for more information.

-**PUMPKIN DASH** - St. John's School is hosting the “Pumpkin Dash- the pet edition,” a virtual 5K run/walk and 10K bike ride (1-mile run/walk and 3-mile bike ride for children) from October 31st through November 6th. Run, walk, or ride anywhere you'd like! Registration includes t-shirt, finisher medal or water bottle, commemorative tiny bib, pet costume contest and more! Proceeds benefit St. John's School and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Cancer Care and Infusion Services. Register at [www.sjshollywood.org](http://www.sjshollywood.org).

-**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/>.

-**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** -Please join Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Sister Mary Bader and the Board of Directors of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families to our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm at St. Ann's Center: 4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Please contact Carolyn Boyle for more information: [cboyle@stanns.org](mailto:cboyle@stanns.org) or 301-559-5500.

-**WOMEN'S SILENT ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND** – This retreat will be held on Dec 3-5, 2021. Limited attendance and other safety precautions are in place to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Are you longing for silence and solitude during these troubled times? Explore your mission in life and Experience His Presence in the Silence! Together with Our Lady, we will walk through the traditional themes of the spiritual exercises while being enriched with her experience of Christ. Cost is \$250 per person. Registration is required. Find more retreats and links to register on the website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!

Pastor's Column:

**Please remember and pray for me when I die!**

**Prayer and pains we can offer for them:**

This month, as we do every month, we will offer all the Masses for the Poor Suffering Souls in Purgatory...

How often do we hear at funerals, referring to the deceased, these words: "Well, he is in a better place now!" or "Now he is no longer suffering." Obviously, those who utter these statements toward the deceased have no bad will in the least. Nonetheless, these statements can cause great damage and the reason is crystal clear! That soul might need help!

Catechism point 1032 says:

*From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.*

May the Souls of the faithful departed Rest in Peace Amen...

Please see attached a link of things we can do for the poor souls in Purgatory this month!

<https://www.beautysoancient.com/ten-ways-to-bring-relief-to-the-poor-souls-in-purgatory/>

Peace,

Fr. Larry