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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.*

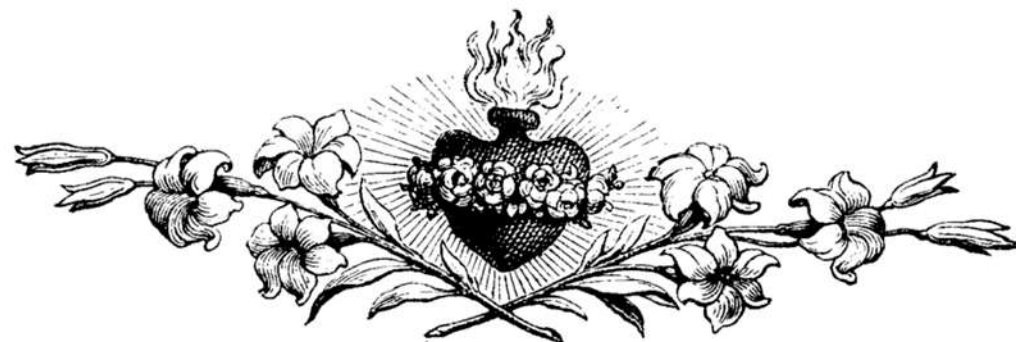
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St. Peter Claver: 301-872-5460

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WELCOME TO

# St. Cecilia Church

November 14, 2021

**The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## Prayer Intentions

**Please remember all who have asked for our prayers:** Joe Owens, 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 November 13 – November 20

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the peaceful repose of all souls, especially Francis Taylor.
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners.
Monday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Joe Owens
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of all souls
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Phillip Marra
Thursday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of all souls
Friday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of all souls, especially Phillip Carroll
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Peter Claver

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

<b>Masses:</b>	<u>November 20, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>November 21, 8:00am Sunday</u>
<b>Readers:</b>	Mary Bell	Patti & Mike Thumm
<b>Ushers:</b>	B. Tarleton & W. Carroll	L. Dean, J. Fenwick, & M. Thumm
<b>Decorations:</b>	Sharon Chadwick	

### ***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 Rosary: Tuesday 6:30pm  
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 4:00 – 5:30pm and at St Peter Claver on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00pm. Please see the Parish website for links 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.

**November: Universal Intention: People who suffer from depression.** We pray that people who suffer from depression and burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## *Announcements & Events*

- **We want to thank all of you** for your generous contributions! There will not be a second collection on the weekend of November 20-21.

-**ANGEL TREE** – Beginning this Wednesday, November 10, the angel tree will be in the back of the church. Please take an angel and sign the form with gift number, your name and telephone number. The gifts are due back on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and can be placed at the church entrance. If you choose not to shop, you can make a donation at the church rectory, and we will shop for you. Thank you for participation.

-**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.sacredheartlaplata.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.

-**OPEN HOUSE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS** – Come and discover Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's, an affordable high school in the Catholic tradition! An open house is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm for prospective students and parents. Meet the faculty and students, and learn about the rigorous classical curriculum, Catholic identity, and environment of joyful comradery! For more information and to RSVP go to <https://www.chestertonstmarys.org/news/tym0rne0q3dvi4pz77bggfmgeewfin>.

- **NOVEMBER COLLECTION FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.** The Council Hall in Ridge (16441 Three Notch Road) will be open on November 20 from 10:00 a.m. to noon for the November collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor. The needs remain much as before - individual personal care items, individual snack items, bottled water, cleaning items - AND gift cards to Giant or checks made to the Little

Sisters of the Poor are always welcome. The Thanksgiving/Christmas list includes boxes of chocolates, stocking stuffers, etc. No perishable items, please, other than fresh seasonable fruits.

-**CARRY-OUT CHICKEN DINNER** - Sunday, November 14, from 11:30 TIL ....., the Knights of Columbus will be having a carry-out chicken dinner at the K.C. Hall, Ridge, MD. Dinners are \$14 and baked goods will be available. Self-service dining room services are available. For more information call 301-872-4641.

-**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.

-**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.

-**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:

*This week the readings speak about the end of time, let's reflect on end-of-life issues....and some of the principles...*

### *Principle #1 Life is Sacred*

Human life is sacred, from the first moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Life is a gift from a loving God, and we are stewards of that gift, called to respect and protect it. *Euthanasia is an action or omission which of itself or by intention causes death in order to eliminate suffering. It is therefore a rejection of God's gift of life.*

### *#2 Life is Eternal*

For Catholics, death is not the end but the beginning, the beginning of eternal life with God the Father. Our faith assures us that we “look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, Amen.” We must make sure that our families are given access to the sacraments, especially the two sacraments of healing: namely the sacraments of the anointing of the sick and confession.

### *#3 Ordinary vs. Extraordinary Treatments*

*While it is never permissible to directly choose to bring about one's death in order to relieve pain or suffering, the Catholic Church has never taught that the faithful are required to use all available means to sustain life. The Church teaches that we are obligated to provide – and to accept – ordinary means of sustaining life. Such treatments are those that offer a reasonable hope of benefit without excessive burdens.* If a particular treatment entails significant burdens that are out of proportion to the expected benefits, it can be termed “extraordinary” and it is optional.

An example of this would be the use of ventilator for someone that cannot breathe on his or her own for a long time would not be required stay on the breathing machine, since it would be considered extraordinary. If someone has cancer and is elderly, they would not be required to go through surgery if they did not want to go through that procedure. However, **medically assisted**

**nutrition and hydration such as feeding tubes is not considered “extraordinary” care and must be provided if the patient can assimilate the food and water...**

At times, however, such tubes may be deemed excessively burdensome and of little or no benefit, such as when death is imminent, and the body can no longer assimilate the food and water. When nutrition and hydration are withheld or removed for such reasons, death occurs as a result of the underlying condition, not through starvation or dehydration.

### *#4 Pain Management*

Modern medical care has become increasingly skillful in the area of pain relief. Our Church teaches that patients should be kept as free of pain as possible, so that they may die comfortably. This is part of our Christian obligation to be charitable and to love our neighbor. **Even pain medications that may indirectly shorten a person's life are morally permissible, as long as the intent is to alleviate pain and not to hasten death.**

**I am always available to speak with you should you have any further questions or concerns.**

**In Christ,**

**Father Larry**