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

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WELCOME TO

St. Cecilia Church

January 16, 2022

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prayer Intentions

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Janet Golloly, 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 Dziejewit,. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds, and souls.

Mass Intentions for January 15 – January 22

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the intentions of our parishioners.
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Joel Rivera.
Monday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Elizabeth Dochad.
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Henry Porto.
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Luke Dochod.
Thursday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Alex Dochad.
Friday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Fr. Greg Shaffer.
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Peter Claver

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

Masses:	<u>January 22, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>January 23, 8:00am Sunday</u>
Readers:	Walter Carroll	Pat & Angie Collins
Ushers:	J. Owens & J. Hall	V. Sanner & J. Greer
Decorations:	Marjorie Abuan	

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.

January: Universal Intention: For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Announcements & Events

- **We want to thank all of you** for your generous contributions! There will be a second collection on the weekend of January 22-23 for the maintenance fund.

-**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** – Please be aware that the Parish office will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022, in observance of MLK, Jr Day. We will also be closed Friday, January 21, 2022 due to attendance at the Pro Life March in Washington, DC.

-**2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**- Parishioners who want a contribution statement for the Calendar Year 2021 please contact the parish office at 301-862-4600 or stcecilia@md.metrocast.net . Contribution statements are sent upon request only. They will be available as of 2/1/2022 by mail or by email.

-**PRO LIFE MARCH BUS** – We will be offering limited seating to parishioners only of St Cecilia's at this time for bus transportation to and from Washington, DC, for the Pro-Life March on Friday, January 21, 2022. Due to the limited seating, we will have a wait list for others who would like the transportation but are not parishioners. The bus will leave promptly at 9:00am (after 7:30am Mass with a small break). Please call the Church office to sign up and to sign up for the wait list.

-**HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS** – All are invited to experience the healing power of the Eucharist, Confession, Adoration, and Prayer on Monday, January 31, 2022, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Confessions begin at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

-**LATIN MASS**- The Latin Mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 17, 2022, but will not be held the next two Mondays (January 24 and January 31, 2022).

-**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 or visit <http://youthrallyandmassforlife.org/> .

-**AFGHAN REFUGEES** - The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops is providing support to Afghan refugees at a military base in Quantico. USCCB is in need of donations of school supplies, coloring books, crayons, sidewalk chalk, and balls for hundreds of Afghan children at the military base. They also need donations of winter clothes and backpacks for women and men. If your parish groups would like to assist Afghan refugees, please contact Peggy Arizzi at: USCCBleadQuantico@USCCB.org . Many Afghans were given special immigration visas which entitle them to some income and public benefits, and many were given humanitarian parole which entitles them to NO benefits, NO ongoing income support. Homes Not Borders are helping Afghan refugees with humanitarian parole try to survive – they are dropped into Prince George's County with almost no support. Homes Not Borders is seeking parish assistance to sponsor families. See their website: <https://www.homesnotborders.org/> . In October the nonprofit is helping 12 Afghan families who need donations and more support. Laura Osuri is the founder and Director. Email address: laura@homesnotborders.org .

- **MOTHER TERESA VOCATION SOCIETY—18TH ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION** Saturday, January 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Annunciation Catholic Church, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, will lead this event. Mr. Alvaro de Vicente, Headmaster at The Heights School, will be the keynote speaker. The day will include Adoration, Confession, Mass, and lunch. All are welcome to attend this free event. Please register at <https://dcpriest.org/day-of-recollection>. For more information, please email vocations@adw.org.

Pastor's Column:

Why does Jesus call his mother “woman”?

In this week's Gospel we see Jesus working his first miracle at the Wedding at Cana. As a kid I was always struck by when Mary presents the problem which was “they have no wine”, Jesus responds as follows:

“O woman, what have you to do with me”

Now our first inclination is to be appalled at Jesus calling his own mother “woman.” I know myself if I called my mother that she would probably smack me across the head with a broomstick. However, when Jesus says this he is not speaking in disrespect. In fact, our Lord is using this term “woman,” in the utmost respect of our Blessed Mother.

In order to understand this principle, we must use a principle derived from the Catechism which is, when interpreting scripture, we take the specific passage we are analyzing in light of scripture as a whole.

As the catechism states in paragraph 112, “Be especially attentive” to the content and unity” of the whole of scripture.” Taking this in light we must look back to Genesis 2:23 where in this Adam proclaims: “this at last is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called woman.” So here we see Adam alluding to Eve, the first woman, the first mother of the human race. After Adam and Eve commit what we call the act of original sin, God speaks to the serpent, or the devil, in Genesis 3:14 saying:

“I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed, he shall strike your head and you shall strike his heel.”

There are two seeds that we see here referenced by God. The woman's (Eve's) seed, and the seed of the serpent (the devil). The seed of the woman is Jesus, as our Lord strikes at the head of the devil through his act of defeating evil on the cross. The seed of the devil is sin, as the seed of the serpent strikes at the heel of the seed of the woman through temptation.

In light of this scriptural analysis, we can come to the conclusion that when He says “woman”, He is not using this in a demeaning sense. What our Lord is referring to is one of our Blessed Mother's titles as the new Eve, the new mother of the new race of man saved by the power of the cross. We also know that when Jesus says this it is not out of irritation, instead it is out of a desire to serve. As our Lady petitions to our Lord “They have no wine.” Our Lady presents the desires of her children to our Lord, and our Lord responds to the petition of our heavenly mother.

Mary Mother of God, pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr. Larry