THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
4:00 PM Clement Pin, req. by his Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 AM Mary Ablondi, req. by her Family
9:30 AM Leonard & Cecile Patryn & Robert Ferris, req. by their Family
11:00 AM Curtis Rahilly (3rd Anniversary), req. by his Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 – MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
5:30 PM Florence Vaudrin (3rd Anniversary), req, by her Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
9:00 AM Phillip Cardone (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
9:00 AM Betty Martial (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
9:00 AM James E. Lasonde, req. by his Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
4:00 PM Marina Vargas, req. by her Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 AM Barbara Schmidt (10th Anniversary), req. by her Husband
9:30 AM Amico "Chip" Barone, req. by his Wife & Family
11:00 AM Joan Mary Kennedy (Birthday Remembrance), req. by her Family

Special thanks to ***Frank & Ellen O'Brien*** of ***Wilbraham Funeral Home*** for providing our **2020 SPECIAL EDITION CALENDARS**. They are available in the Rotunda.

Welcome to our newest members into our community through the waters of Baptism!

Michael Paul Norman
Elijah Raul Tavares

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The collection for the weekend of December 8, 2019

$13,767.00– Weekly Offering
$8,499.00 - Nov. Capital Improvement
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First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10
As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11
While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come; or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

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We offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends in memory of:

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Tradition holds that the three kings, or wise men, followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each-and-every year. But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon us during the year? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for His many blessings. Many people enjoy using this time of year to give to their church; and, also, positively impact their federal and state income taxes.

- Gifts made by December 31 are tax deductible for this tax year.
- Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are some of the best gifts to make.
- Naming our parish as a beneficiary of life insurance proceeds can be a wonderful means of making a future major gift.

Thank you in advance for remembering St. Cecilia Parish as you make your charitable contributions.

Mark your calendars.
The annual St. Cecilia **Christmas Pageant** will be held Saturday, December 21 at the 4:00 PM Mass. Please join us for this wonderful Christmas tradition!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Christmas holidays and the publishing deadlines, the **December 29 and the January 5 articles are due in the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 18** at 9:00 AM. Thank you for your help. Email to: bulletin@saintceciliawilbraham.org.

Because of the large attendance expected at the **4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**, we will be using the **STACK PARKING SYSTEM**. This will allow us the maximum number of cars in the parking lot. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The HOPE Ministry Shopping/Gift Card table has many $10 cards available every weekend. These are great as gifts to co-workers, teachers, as stocking stuffers, or for that little extra Christmas "thank you". In total, are over 40 gift cards available in the Rotunda following each mass. Thank you all for your continued support.

Pioneer Valley Catholic began when a group of young professionals in the Pioneer Valley decided they wanted more! More opportunity to grow their faith, to grow in community with other young Catholics, and to be disciples of Jesus in the world. Pioneer Valley Catholic is a place where young people come together for worship, fellowship and spiritual rejuvenation.

Pioneer Valley Catholic meets on the first Thursday of every month at Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Hadley, for worship (Adoration, Confession & Holy Mass), a social hour, dinner and a speaker. Please come.

For more information about the meetings and/or to get involved, please reach out to them at pioneervalleycatholics@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Troop 359, sponsored by St. Cecilia Church, will hold its **BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE** on **Saturday**, **January 4** from **8:00 AM–12:00 PM** in the Church Parking Lot. All proceeds will help the Scouts take part in many activities. Please call Dale Desmarais (413 315-1778) for more information.

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." – Calvin Coolidge

Christmas Eve Masses
4:00 PM Church and Parish Center
6:30 PM Church
10:00 PM

Christmas Day Masses
9:30 AM
11:00 AM

Christmas Confessions
Saturday, December 21, 2:00 – 3:30 PM
Monday, December 23, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club

"Give God your weakness and he'll give you his strength"

Thank you to Norma Bandarra for organizing our Annual Christmas Dinner. What an amazing evening listening to seasonal music with Colin Geaghan accompanied by Dr. Todd Rovelli. Thank you to members for donating to the Mitten Tree. We received many wonderful items that will greatly help those in need.

Poinsettia plants are being purchased by the club and delivered to our home-bound members and those in nursing homes to add some cheer for their holidays. Please contact chair Dorothy Mikaelian (413-547-8944) if you know of anyone who would like to receive a plant. Just a reminder there is **no meeting in January**. We are preparing for our upcoming Card & Game Party Luncheon, which will be held on January 30 from 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM. We hope to see many of you there. More information to follow.

Loaves and Fishes will be serving dinner on January 22.

Be sure to mark your calendar if you would like to help with this very giving event. You can contact Mary Jerz (413-589-9788) or Deb Montgomery (413-596-8473) for more information.

Tune in to see the **Chalice of Salvation Mass on Sunday December 22.** The Mass can be seen on the WWLP (our local NBC station) at 10:00 AM. Father Boyle will be the celebrant and Carolee McGrath and the Youth Choir will provide the music for this Fourth Sunday of Advent Celebration.

Purchasing a **25/100 Raffle Ticket** supports the KOC charitable activities while having fun and maybe making a profit. One ticket is $25 and includes the named individual in 10 drawings. Single tickets with an announcement and books of 4 can be found in the Rotunda or by calling Pete Martinelli (330-6530). Tickets will be sold through Sunday, January 19, 2020.

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CONNECTION

All are welcome to join us for a Christmas celebration of friendship and fun!

Date:	**Thursday, December 19**
Time/Location:	11:30 AM in the Parish Center
Entertainment:	Join us for our Christmas meal with lively holiday entertainment provided by Richie Mitnick**.**
Meal:	Delicious home-cooked pot roast dinner with all the fixings and death by chocolate for dessert.
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The Knights of Columbus will hold their regular monthly business meeting on **Tuesday, December 17** starting at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. All current Knights are encouraged to attend. **We cordially invite all men of the Parish ages 18 and over to join us at 6:00 PM** for a social hour and dinner with our current Knights. Come and meet your fellow Parishioners for a nice dinner with refreshments and to learn more about the Knights. There is no cost or obligation on your part. And, since the Business Meeting is only open to current Knights, this will only take about one hour of your time.

For more information, email us at: Kofc10195@gmail.com, like us on Facebook @WilbrahamKofC, or check out the web site: www.kofc.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 **RCIC** – 4pm/Conf Rm **FF Grades 1-6** 4:15 pm/MRHS **CYO Practice** 5:45pm/PC **Miraculous Medal Novena** 5:30pm/C **Cenacle Prayer Grp** 6:00pm/Children's Rm	**17** **Rosary** - 8:35am **Mass** - 9am **Prayer Group** 9:30am/OLC **KOC Mtg** - 6:00/PH **BS Youth Leader Mtg –** 7pm/PH	**18** **Rosary** - 8:35am **Mass** - 9am **SGG** – 9:30am/Conf rm **Pageant Rehearsal** 3:30pm/C **CS Pack Mtg –** **6:30**pm/PC **Adult Choir** – 6:45pm/C	**19** **Rosary** - 8:35am **Mass** - 9am **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am/OLC **Senior Connection –** **11:30am/PC** **CYO Practice** 5:30pm/PC **RCIA** – 6:30pm/Conf Rm **Troop Meeting** 6:45pm/PC	**20**	**21** **Confession** - 3pm **Mass** - 4pm **Christmas Pageant** 4pm/C	**22** **Mass** – 8am, 9:30am (Family Liturgy) & 11am

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