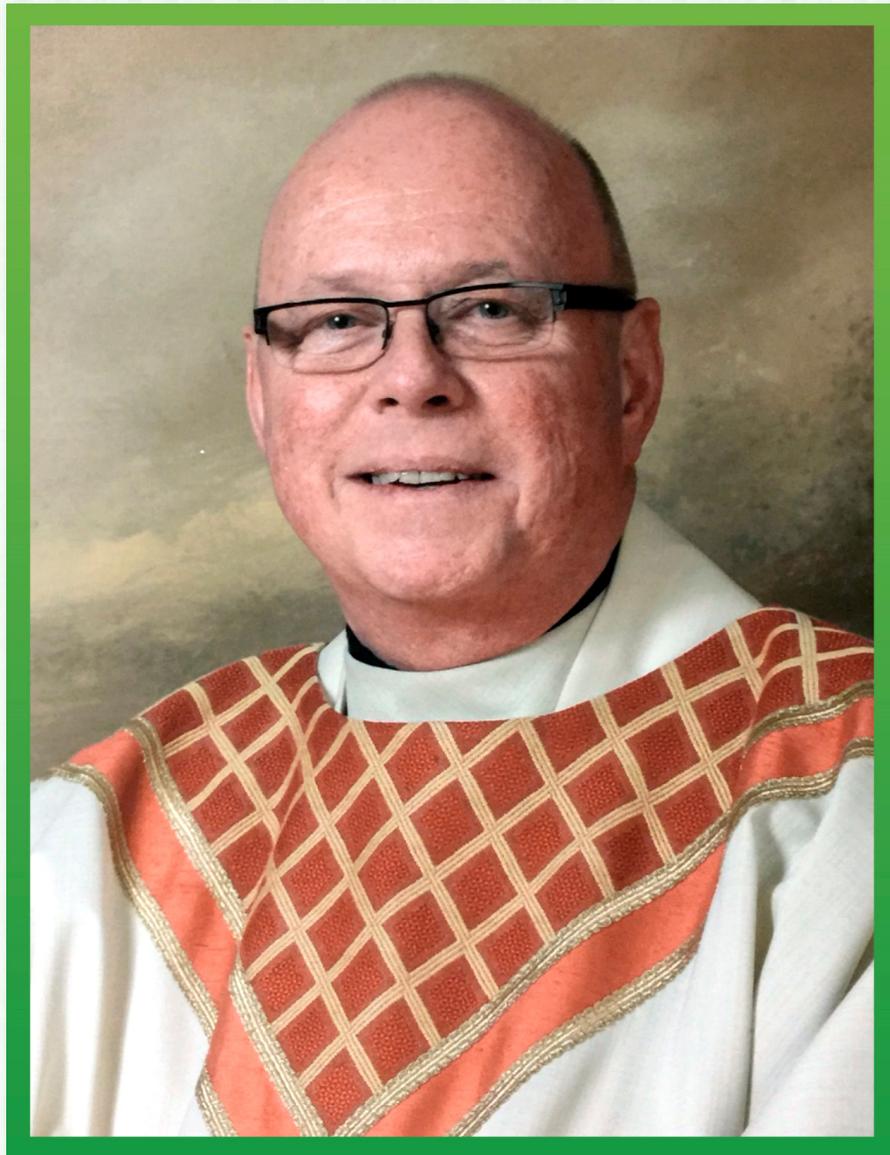


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# SAINT CECILIA PARISH



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

11:00 AM **MEMORIAL MASS**

Margaret Halgas

4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. John E. Mulligan, req. by their Family

### SUNDAY, JULY 12 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM David Gerberich, req. by Connie LaVelle

10:00 AM Bob Desrosiers (Birthday Rem), req. by his Wife & Family

### MONDAY, JULY 13 – MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

5:30 PM Lina & Charles Goyette, req. by their Family

### TUESDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM Karen Soares (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), req. by the Migdal Family

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

9:00 AM Margaret Halgas, req. by Mr & Mrs. William Romaniak

### THURSDAY, JULY 16

9:00 AM Joaquim & Graciete Ramalho, req. by their Daughter, Maria Cortinhas

### SATURDAY, JULY 18

11:00 AM **MEMORIAL MASS**

Marguerite Gauthier

4:00 PM Marina Vargas (Birthday Remembrance), req. by her Family

### SUNDAY, JULY 19 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Mary Ellen Anton, req. by Family

10:00 AM Mary Pickering (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), req. by Family

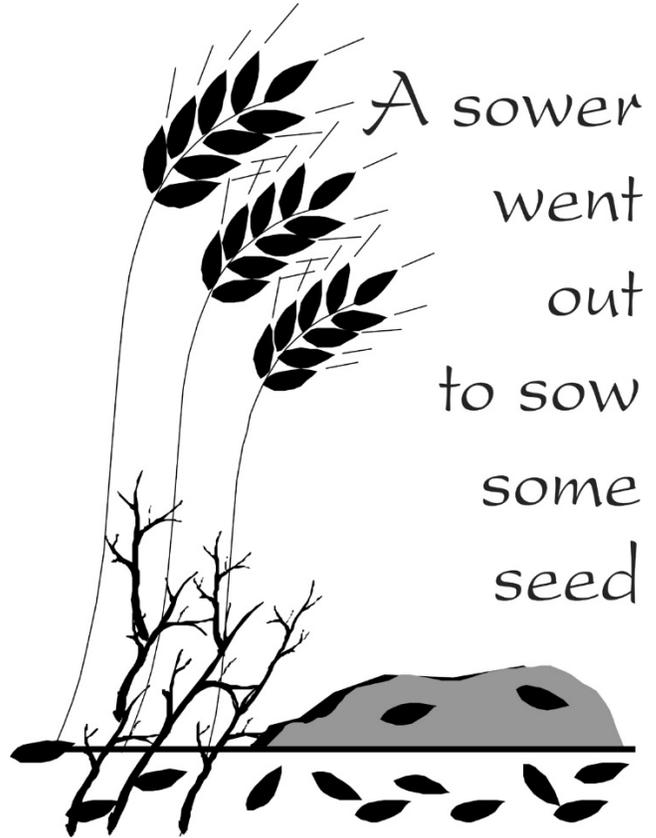


*Remember, Lord, those who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith; especially those listed below for whom we now pray. May these, already be enjoying new life in Christ, find in Your presence love, laughter and joy as they reunite with loved ones. Please fill the*

*hearts of all who grieve with peace and love as they mourn. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Cecelia Arsenault**

**John Collette (Brother of Tracy Blanchard)**



#### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23**

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in" ... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."

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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Notes from Todd

As a kid growing up during the 1970s, I never missed an episode of the variety television series, "The Carol Burnett Show." I remember laughing uncontrollably more than a few times at the comic stylings of cast members Lyle Waggoner, Tim Conway, and Harvey Korman. Their antics made me smile, but the program's sign-off song, "I'm So Glad We Had This Time Together," left a lasting impression of a more serious nature. Perhaps you can imagine Burnett as she sang the lyrics:

I'm so glad we had this time together  
Just to have a laugh, or sing a song.  
Seems we just got started and before you know it  
Comes the time we have to say, 'So long.'

In the spirit of that iconic song, I would like to express my appreciation for our soon-to-be-retiring pastor, Father Dan. Though only for six years, I am glad that he and I "had this time together" for so many reasons. I am impressed by his quick wit and ability to tell a joke. I am amazed by the power of his voice and the gusto with which he sings. But most importantly, I am extremely grateful for his friendship and unwavering support of the music ministry at St. Cecilia.

As Father Dan begins his retirement this week, I wish him all the best. The words to the traditional prayer "The Irish Blessing" sum it up best:

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Have a great week!



*Good friends never say goodbye,  
they simply say: "See you soon."*

The great sculptor, Michelangelo is reputed to have said any masterpiece that he produced was already there before he created it. The masterpiece was waiting to be discovered, hidden in a single block of marble. As an artist, he was to make visible what was hidden and to give it concrete shape.

Often, God works in this way shaping the void that exists in each one of us into tangible focus. He wants to chisel our lives into pure love, to mold our thoughts into silent listening, to fill our hearts with awe and wonder and to discover Him in whom all light exists. All we need is an artist's eye, a listening ear, and a humble spirit. Those are gifts He freely gives to us.

You, the faithful people of St. Cecilia, have done the very same thing with me. You have welcomed me, you have loved me, and you have forgiven me. You have chiseled me into the priest I have become and for this I am extremely grateful. You are what our parish is all about: love and charity.

Please know each day going forward, my heart will be full of gratitude and love for each of you. You are in my prayers and I ask each of you to please keep me in yours. See you soon!

With love and blessings,  
Fr. Dan.



**SCAM!**  
**Alert!**

Once again, the email scammers are back at it! Apparently, they have found our new pastor's, Fr. John Connors, email address on our website and have already begun sending out their bogus emails requesting gift cards to be purchased for him. Fr. Connors nor the parish would ever request the purchasing of gift cards in this manner. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done to stop the emails. Please be aware of this situation. If you receive a bogus email, consider it spam. Delete it and NEVER open attachments.

# July 12, 2020

## ONE-TIME GRANTS – CARE ACT

St. Cecilia Parish has received two one-time grants under the Federal Government CARE Act. Applications for these grants were submitted through the efforts of the Diocese of Springfield for which we are most grateful to them. The intent of the funds was to assist with payroll and utilities during the time of the Coronavirus. The parish continued to keep our staff on the payroll during these past several months. The total amount received through this grant was \$62,600.

## WE WANT TO STAY CONNECTED

Communicating with our St. Cecilia family is vital during this pandemic. To receive communication from St. Cecilia, please send an email to [bulletin@saintceciliawilbraham.org](mailto:bulletin@saintceciliawilbraham.org). We DO NOT SHARE your email. Additionally, we are always updating our database. If any of your information has changed (i.e. you moved, you cancelled your home phone, got a new cell phone number, changed your email, divorce, death of a spouse, etc.), please let us know. This allows us to be able to reach you or and keeps unnecessary postage charges, duplications, etc. from occurring. Thank you.

### A Priest

I could never complain, Lord,  
About my work for you.  
I find delight and meaning  
In the things a priest can do.

There is joy in serving others  
And sharing in their trials-  
In quieting their heartaches  
And quickening their smiles

There is charity in listening  
With a sympathetic ear  
To distressed and lonely people who  
need someone just to hear.

There is peace in understanding  
That your way, not mine, is best  
That when I've done my utmost,  
your grace will do the rest.

I am more convinced and certain  
The longer, Lord, I live –  
That every earnest priest receives  
Much more than he can give.

And so my heart is grateful  
For your goodness, Lord, to me  
A priest now and forever  
Is all I wish to be.

Bishop Joseph F. Maguire

Each week, as we welcome back more parishioners, we need to keep in mind these guidelines set forth by the Diocese. Thank you for doing your part in keeping everyone safe. **(Newest guidelines are in bold.)**

## Diocesan Restrictions

- Omission of the Sign of Peace.
- Communion in the hand only.
- Holy Water fonts to remain empty and covered.
- Physical distancing (6 ft. minimum) at all times.
- Masks are required.

## Additional Diocesan/Parish Guidelines

- Bishop has extended the dispensation of obligation to attend Sunday Mass at this time. Those who are vulnerable should not attend Mass in person.
- Masks must be worn prior to leaving your vehicle.
- The Main Street entrance to the church will remain locked until further notice.
- **The outside Rotunda doors will be locked when the church is being cleaned in between Masses.**
- The Children's Room will not be available for seating.
- Please do not congregate in the church facility.
- Please follow the usher's directives at all times.
- Communion will be distributed as Mass is dismissed.
  - **Communion will begin with the center aisles.**
  - **There will be ONE SINGLE FILE down the center.**
  - **If there are two Eucharistic Ministers (EM's) at the center aisles, please go to the next one available.**
  - **If you are seated on the choir or children's section, please wait for the EM to come to your section.**
  - **Please wear your mask while in line for Communion.**
  - **Extend your hands in a flat position.**
  - Please reverently exit immediately after receiving the Eucharist.
  - **Please wear your mask until you have reached your vehicle.**
- **The restrooms along Main Street will be available for emergency use only. No other restrooms will be available.**
- Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 PM will take place in the Vesting Sacristy.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer if possible.
- Please be patient throughout this process as it continues to evolve.
- Parish social gatherings and pastoral home visits are not allowed.

Understand that we have legally mandated occupancy numbers. Kindly know that it is not our intention to turn anyone away, however, we must adhere to these restrictions. For up-to-date information, please visit us at [www.saintceciliawilbraham.org](http://www.saintceciliawilbraham.org) and [diospringfield.org](http://diospringfield.org)

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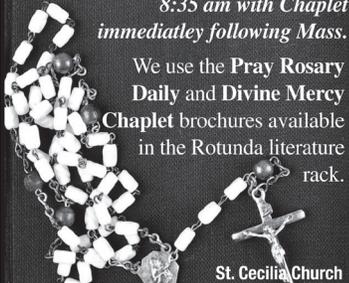
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