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**JULY 23, 2023**

**We, the Parish Community of Saint Cecilia,** are a Roman Catholic community of faith, centered on the Eucharist, embracing God's presence in all that we do. God's unconditional love and Word guide us to live Christ's example through prayer, worship, education, and service. We seek to carry out this mission under the patronage of Saint Cecilia.

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

*Please join us!*

Saturday.....4:00 PM

Sunday.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Monday..... 5:30 PM (Miraculous Medal Novena)

Tuesday - Thursday ..... 9:00 AM

First Friday of the Month ..... 9:00 AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday.....3:00 - 3:30 PM (or by appointment)

**SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE**

Please contact Father Connors.

**WELCOME TO SAINT CECILIA PARISH!**



If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at our Parish Office. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your weekly presence, your talents, and your financial assistance according to your means.

# SAINT CECILIA PARISH



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JULY 22

4:00 PM Henry Clay, Jr., (Birthday Remembrance), req. by Nicole Lussier

### SUNDAY, JULY 23 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Dale Bouthiller, req. by Mary Manning & Family

9:30 AM William F. Sullivan, req. by Saint Cecilia Faith Formation

11:00 AM Simone Newton (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

### MONDAY, JULY 24 – MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

5:30 PM David Raccis, Sr., req. by Julie Dusseault & Family

### TUESDAY, JULY 25

9:00 AM Thomas C. Raccis, r/b the Raccis Family

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

9:00 AM Richard Pairie (Birthday Remembrance), req. by his Wife, Marisa

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AM Jimmy Dulude, req. by Soule Road School Friends

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

4:00 PM Jeanne Zinn, req. by her Friend, Pat

### SUNDAY, JULY 30 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM David Anthony Raccis, req. by the Raccis & Bukowski Families

9:30 AM Jimmy Sileo, req. by the Erskine Family

11:00 AM Linda Champigny (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) & Catherine Mariani (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia



### First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16 19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:26 27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

### Gospel: Matthew 13:24 43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the “reign of God” in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the “reign of God” had been established, it grew and spread. ©1999 Bon Venture Services, Inc.



Have some extra time? Thinking about getting a part-time job or possibly helping your parish out. We have an opportunity for you to meet both criteria. Our maintenance position

opening is 10-15 hours per week with varied duties. Come join our team! If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Annette Bishop, Parish Manager (596-4232, x101). Thank you for your help in filling this position.

### YOUR PARISH SUPPORT COUNTS!

#### WEEKEND OF JULY 16, 2023

Regular Weekly Collection	\$	9,616.33
Weekly Collection Necessary to meet expenses	\$	13,200.00
Over / (Under) for the week	\$	(3,583.67)
Total Collection Fiscal YTD (eff July 1)	\$	36,773.55
YTD Weekly Collection Necessary to meet expenses	\$	39,600.00
Over / (Under) YTD	\$	(2,826.45)
Xaverian Missionaries	\$	3,250.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



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.

**Deacon Pasqual Baldasaro**

**Geraldine Crowley**  
(Sister of Thomas Gamelli)

**Madeleine Robidoux**  
(Mother of Debbie Rooney)

**Warren Rothschild, Jr.**  
**Laurel Stachura**

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

St. Catherine of Siena  
1023 Parker St. Springfield, Gym  
Thursday, September 7 through Sunday September 10

The Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles is a compilation of Miracles approved by the Church dating back to the first century. This massive amount of information was catalogued by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Read stories of how the Living Presence of the Eucharist was revealed to people all over the world. Historical reports as well as scientific data and photographs have been documented. See for yourself as you read the posters in this amazing presentation.



Hours:  
Thursday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Friday 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Saturday Noon – 5:00 PM  
Sunday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
\*\*2:00 PM lecture on Blessed Carlo Acutis

A free will offering will be accepted to view this exhibit!

### Informational Meetings Scheduled

The Office of the Diaconate has begun to recruit men throughout the Diocese who share a love for God and their fellow man and are considering whether they are being called to further service.

Please join us at any of the upcoming meetings:

Wednesday July 19, 6:30 PM  
Springfield – Bishop Marshall Center

Saturday, July 29, 10:00 AM  
Pittsfield – St Joseph's Parish

Wednesday, August 2, 6:30 PM  
Hadley – Holy Redeemer Parish

Saturday, August 5, 10:00 AM  
Springfield – Bishop Marshall Center

Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 PM  
Pittsfield - St Joseph's Parish

Saturday, August 19, 10:00 AM  
Hadley – Holy Redeemer Parish

If you or a potential candidate have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact the Diaconate Office at 413-452-0674. Thank you.



## FAITH FORMATION

**Faith Formation registration is underway!** Please be sure to return your forms. We are looking forward to getting together with our friends for another great year. Classes will begin in the fall for grades 1 thru 9 and will be held here at St. Cecilia's. Registration forms are available on our website: [www.saintceciliawilbraham.org](http://www.saintceciliawilbraham.org) under the Faith Formation tab. Forms are also available in the Rotunda after Mass. Please look for either a new student form or a form to re-register your student.



**We are looking for Faith Formation teachers** in grades 1-8. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with the youth of our parish, we would love to have you. Teachers are welcome to team up with a friend and co-teach.

Please call or email Rosemary Oldread (CFF@saintceciliawilbraham.org or 413-596-4232, ext. 113) with any questions or for more information.

## Baystate Health



Baystate Medical Center in Springfield is searching for volunteers to bring Communion to patients at Baystate Medical Center. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office (596-4232, ext. 101). Thank you for considering this opportunity of service.

### Saint Cecilia Community Day at Dunkin Park

Hartford Yard Goats vs. New Hampshire Fisher Cats  
Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Tickets are \$20 each and features reserved seating, a country night promotional event, and an official group welcome on the video board. Each ticket includes \$7.00 of loaded value for food, drink, or merchandise. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the game begins at 7:10 PM. Order forms are available in the Rotunda. Please send completed form and payment (cash or checks payable to Saint Cecilia Church) to St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main Street, or put in the collection basket at Mass. Please contact Dino Tessicini (413-682-4173) with any questions.



# St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club



Another way to get involved in the club is with our Hospitality Committee, Co-chaired by Dottie Paluck and Deb Dupont. Our two hospitality co-chairs and their team of four members are responsible for providing the desserts, setting the tables with napkins, and needed utensils and supplying centerpieces for the tables. The food table is also arranged with dishes, a centerpiece, and other items used for the evening. The committee works in the kitchen before the meeting putting desserts on trays, getting the tea and coffee ready, and cleaning up afterwards. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other club members. Call Dottie (596-8000) or Deb (585-749-3728) for further information or to volunteer.

Our Pro-life Bake Sale chaired by Gail Finnegan is held every year in October with the profit donated to various pro-life organizations. Members bake and work at tables in the Rotunda after the Masses. The club makes a monthly cash donation to the Survival Center. The Toiletry committee chaired by Ann Mango accepts toiletries all year long in the box in the Rotunda by the bookcase. Items are sorted, bagged, and delivered to various homeless shelters several times a year.

Our Mixed Bowling League is always looking for new members to join, which is a fun way to meet new people. The league meets at Shaker Bowl on Wednesday mornings. Non-members and friends are welcome. Please contact Chair Alice Kulig (596-4556) for more information.

The **STADLER-COLLINS SCHOLARSHIP** is available to an active communicant of St. Cecilia Church who is entering or is currently enrolled in college and planning a career in healthcare. The application deadline is August 15. Applications are available in the Parish Office or online at [www.saintceciliawilbraham.org](http://www.saintceciliawilbraham.org), under the *About Us* tab, under *Parish Forms* and scroll to the bottom.



**Back to School Supplies Drive July 29 - August 14**  
St Cecilia Parish will be holding the annual Back to School Drive to benefit the Survival Center and the families they serve. Any donation of school supplies would be greatly appreciated. Look for sales in Sunday's paper.

The following is a list of suggested items needed:  
Pencils #2, all wood, Pocket Dictionary, Erasers, pencil caps or lg pink erasers, Scissors 5 1/4", blunt or pointed tip, Pens, blue, black or red, Rulers, plastic 12", Crayons, 24/box, Pencil case, heavy duty w/zipper, Pencil sharpener, barrel/canister, Colored Pencils, 12 count, White glue or glue sticks, Colored Markers, wide, 8 count, Highlighters, yellow & pink, chisel point, Paint set, 8 watercolors w/brush, Inexpensive calculator, Facial tissue, 100 count, Spiral notebooks, 70 count, wide or college rule, Transparent plastic protractor 6"/180 deg, 2-pocket folders, Filler paper, wide or college rule, or Backpacks



The drive will run from Sat, July 29 through Mon, August 14. All articles can be left in the large box marked "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" located in the Rotunda. Thank you for helping students start their school year with confidence.



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank the Parish Staff and the parishioners of Saint Cecilia for the opportunity to serve you in this parish for the past eight plus years. It has been an honor to be part of this great parish.

God bless you all,  
Kenneth Lynch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 Miraculous Medal Novena Mass – 5:30 pm	25 Mass – 9am Adoration – 9:30am/C Tuesday Prayer Grp 9:30am/Ch Divine Mercy – 10am/C	26 Mass – 9am	27 Mass – 9am	28	29 Confession – 3pm/C Mass – 4pm	30 Mass – 8am Mass – 9:30am Fam Lit. Mass – 11:00am
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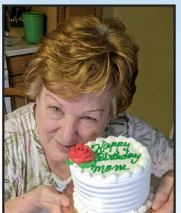
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