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**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**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, JANUARY 27

4:00 PM Gerald Sweeney (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), req.  
by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Lori Bartolucci (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 AM David A. Raccis, req. by Kathy &  
Alphonse Osowiecki

11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Savo &  
Mentekidis Family req. by the Mentekidis  
Family

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29

5:30 PM Sally Markey, req. by the Migdal Family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM Ann Irvine, req. by the Altar Society

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 AM Antonio & Fernanda Dos Santos Luis,  
req. by Maria Cortinhas

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM Phyllis Kerstetter (1st Anniversary), req.  
by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 AM Joseph Kovarik, Sr., req. by Craig &  
Colette Vogel

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

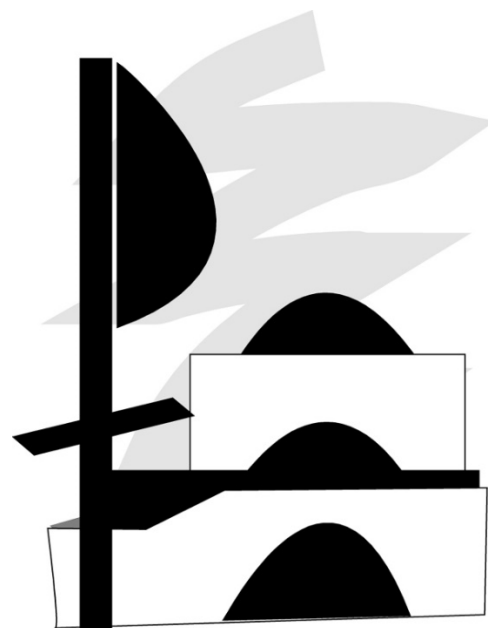
4:00 PM Cynthia Moller, req. by her Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Carrie Newman, req. by her Family

9:30 AM David A. Raccis, req. by Michael &  
Maryrose Osowiecki

11:00 AM Carol Maloney



### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman can devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

### Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.

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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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Susan Rebello



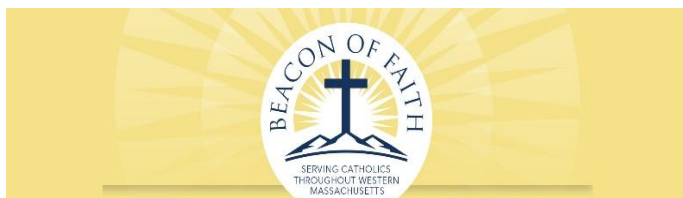
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#### WEEKEND OF JANUARY 21, 2024

Regular Weekly Collection	\$	10,603.00
Weekly Collection	\$	13,200.00
Necessary to meet expenses	\$	
Over / (Under) for the week	\$	(2,597.00)
Total Collection Fiscal YTD (eff July 1)	\$	418,316.54
YTD Weekly Collection	\$	396,000.00
Necessary to meet expenses	\$	
Over / (Under) YTD	\$	22,316.54

Thank you for your generosity!

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## BEACON OF FAITH CAMPAIGN BEGINS

All parishes in our Diocese of Springfield are joining together to participate in the Beacon of Faith Campaign. This campaign seeks to raise \$28 million over the next 4 years to prepare our faith community for the future. At its heart, this campaign is about supporting our parishes and their ministries locally, evangelization of families and supporting our retired priests.

As part of this historic effort, St. Cecilia's will be hosting informative receptions over the course of the next few weeks and months. These informal gatherings will offer everyone that attends an intimate setting to come and learn about Beacon of Faith, and in particular, the positive impact it will have on our local community.

Because of the large size of our parish, we will be hosting several receptions. When you receive your invitation, please RSVP as soon as possible. Refreshments will be served. In the meantime, we ask for your prayers and an open mind and heart to what our Bishop is asking from all of us. More information on the Beacon of Faith Campaign is available on the diocesan website: [diospringfield.org](http://diospringfield.org).

## Saint Cecilia Men's Retreat Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center February 23-25, 2024

"Only Say the Word" is our retreat theme this year. Taken from Gospel of Matthew (8: 5-13) when Jesus encounters the centurion – a man of deep faith and humility who knows that healing comes from God alone. The centurion proclaims "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed." During this retreat we will explore where healing is needed in us and in the world. For retreat room reservation, please make out a check to Holy Family Retreat Center in the amount of \$150. For more retreat information and registration, please contact Pete Ablondi at 413-596-4300 or [petenmary44@gmail.com](mailto:petenmary44@gmail.com).



Have you misplaced your umbrella, reading glasses, or gloves? It may be in our lost & found basket located in the Usher/Greeter room. These and many other items are in the basket. Please stop and check the box or ask an usher at Mass.



The Feast Day of Saint Blais is on February 3. The blessing of the throats will be bestowed in honor of Saint Blais after all the masses on the weekend of **February 10 and 11**.

In the blessing of the throats, two candles, which have been blessed, are placed around the throat and a prayer is said. It is not a sacrament, but the blessing ritual is established by the church and is a powerful prayer. The blessing of the throats reflects the struggle we have with illness in the world and how we can use prayer to deal with it.



We welcome all who are visiting. We would love to have you join St. Cecilia Parish. Welcome cards are available in the Rotunda or call the Parish Office (596-4232, ext. 101) to register.

Welcome to our newest members:  
**M/M Robert Madden**

## Conversations about the Mass Lenten formation

Conversations about the Mass are designed for anyone who wants to discover the beauty and riches of the Mass.



It will change how you praise and worship God. Attending mass will become again an exciting and life-changing event in which you will eagerly await to participate. It will deepen scriptural and ritual understanding of all the facets of the mass. Finally, it will answer all the basic question that many Catholics ponder: Why do we do what we

do? Why is the Eucharist "the source and the summit of the Christian Life"? Come and discover anew the meaning of the mass and enlighten your faith with peace, justice, and joy.

These Lenten conversations will be divided into 5 sessions and will all be given at Saint Cecilia's parish. It will start at 6:30 PM and end around 7:30 PM every Wednesday, from February 21 to March 20. For more information and registration, please contact Patrice Dubois at (508) 344-4432 or send an e-mail to [pmaradubois@gmail.com](mailto:pmaradubois@gmail.com).

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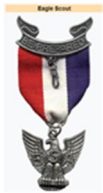
Be sure to mark your calendars for the next club meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 PM for **MARDI GRAS** night. Join us for a fun-filled evening of games, prizes, and delicious treats. Kim Lawler will provide her excellent party skills to make this a memorable Fat Tuesday. NOTE: Please bring a nutritious snack to this meeting for adults and children in need. For more information, contact Pat Serra, Membership Chair (413-279-1945).



Members will be handing out our Survival Center bags after masses on February 2 & 3. This occurs the first weekend of each month. Parishioners fill the bags with food items and return them to the Rotunda the following weekend, but the bags are accepted anytime as the parish maintenance staff delivers the donations to the center quite frequently. As more new families are coming to the emergency food pantry, there is an increased need for donations. The Survival Center is extremely grateful for all the necessary food items that our parishioners provide for nutritious meals, and they thank you for your generous contributions.

### **EAGLE COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY**

On Sunday, January 28 at 2:00 PM, St. Cecilia Church – Wilbraham Troop 359 will celebrate our 3 newest Eagle Scouts: **Luke Whalen-Sylver, Jack Tassinari** and **Jaden Desmarais**.



All 3 earned at least 21 merit badges and completed community service Eagle Scout projects to earn their Eagle rank. Luke graduated from Minnechaug High School in June and is in his freshman year of college. Jack Tassinari and Jaden Desmarais are seniors at Minnechaug. They both are members of St. Cecilia's and received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier this year. Please join us in congratulating these three young men on their outstanding achievement.

### **Marriage Help Program (local) – February 9-11, 2024**

If communication in your marriage is a struggle, or things have become troubled, unloving, or uncaring, the Retrouvaille Program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend is February 9-11, 2024. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email [helds4marriage@gmail.com](mailto:helds4marriage@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).



"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 413-248-7034 or via email: [vocations@diospringfield.org](mailto:vocations@diospringfield.org).




A Pre-Canva session for couples planning marriage will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Monson on Saturday, February 17. Check-in begins at 8:00 AM. Join us for an enlightening day of relaxing, open, non-judgmental discussions. The day includes light refreshments, lunch and take-home materials and closes with mass celebrated at 4:00 PM. The cost is \$50.00 per couple. Please contact Peter & Elizabeth Matrow ([pmatrow@icloud.com](mailto:pmatrow@icloud.com) or 413 887-7308) to register.

### **ST. CECILIA FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE**

Fathers/father figures are invited to join us with their daughters, granddaughters, nieces, etc. on Friday, February 9 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Tickets will be sold **after** all the Masses on the weekends of January 27/28 and February 3/4. Tickets are \$20.00 per family and **must be purchased in advance**.

For more details/information, please contact Rosemary Oldread [cff@saintceciliawilbraham.org](mailto:cff@saintceciliawilbraham.org) or 413-596-4232, ext. 113.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 Faith Formation – 4pm Miraculous Medal Novena Mass – 5:30pm CYO – 6pm/PC	30 Mass – 9am Adoration 9:30am/PC Tuesday Prayer Grp 9:30am/Ch Divine Mercy – 10am/C CYO – 5pm/PC	31 Mass – 9am/C SGG – 9:30am/PC *potluck following CYO – 4:30pm/PC RCIA – 5:30pm/Conf. Adult Choir Reh 7pm/PC	1 Mass – 9am/C WGC – noon/pc CYO – 4:00pm/PC RCIA – 6:30/conf. BS Troop Mtg – 7pm/PC	2 – First Friday Mass – 9am/C Women of Faith 9:45am/PH CYO – 4:30pm/PC	3 Confession – 3pm Mass – 4pm Gr. 7 & 8 RO - 4pm/PC	4 Mass – 8am Mass – 9:30am Family Lit. Mass – 11am Confirmation Class 9 <sup>th</sup> Gr. 5pm/PC
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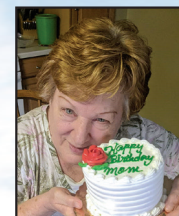
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