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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
 Monday5:30 PM (Miraculous Medal Novena)
 Tuesday - Thursday9:00 AM
 First Friday of the Month9:00 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, AUGUST 31

4:00 PM Jeffrey Coelho (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Phyllis Ann Goetz, req. by the Finnegan Family

9:30 PM Patricia Gordon, (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

11:00 AM Anastacia Cambo (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

9:00 AM Jose Alvara (Birthday Remembrance), req. by Georgann & Mark Collins

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM Paul, Shirley & Dorothy Kervick, req. by their Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM Mark & Robin Blanchard (Wedding Anniversary Remem), req. by their Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 AM Marjorie & Frank Houghton, req. by the Rosati Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:00 PM Anton & Helen Hammer (Wedding Anniversary Remem), req. by Anna May

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Richard Bates, req. by the Garwood & Murphy Families

9:30 PM Bob Desrosiers (10th Anniversary), req. by his Wife & Family

11:00 AM Jeffrey (1st Anniv) & Manuel Coelho (Birthday Rem) req. by their Family



We welcome into our Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism:

Joseph Paul Fenton



Moses, hear what I am Teaching



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.

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Labor Day is on Monday, September 2. The Novena Mass will be held at 9:00 AM. Please do join us! The Parish Office will be closed. Father John is available for emergencies.

YOUR PARISH SUPPORT COUNTS!		
WEEKEND OF AUGUST 25, 2024		
Regular Weekly Collection	\$	8,798.00
Weekly Collection Necessary to meet expenses	\$	14,300.00
Over / (Under) for the week	\$	(6,283.00)
Total Collection Fiscal YTD (eff July 1)	\$	109,840.50
YTD Weekly Collection Necessary to meet expenses	\$	128,700.00
Over / (Under) YTD	\$	(18,859.50)

Thank you for your generosity!

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

James Hyder
(Husband of Pat Tessier)
Helen Katsanos
Peter Scagliarini
(Brother of Jean Blanchard)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



We have weekly adoration and private time for prayer each Tuesday, following the 9:00 AM Mass. Additionally, we have adoration after the First Friday Mass each month. Please join us for Mass and adoration this

Friday, September 6, at 9:00 AM. Come, spend some quiet time with Jesus in prayer.

Our **Saint Cecilia Faith Formation** program could not happen without the commitment and dedication of our amazing teachers. **If you would like to volunteer your time, talent, and energy to our program – we would be thrilled!**



We are most in need of 5th & 6th grade teachers.

Classes will begin very soon for grades 1 through 9. Registration forms are available on our website: www.saintceciliawilbraham.org under the Faith Formation tab. Forms are also available in the Rotunda after Mass. Please call Rosemary (413-596-4232, ext. 113) with any questions.

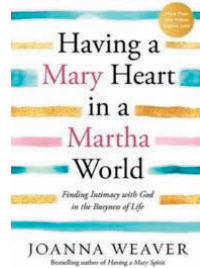
A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Congratulations to Margoth & Joe Salcedo on the happy occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless you in the years to come!



Hopefully, you all enjoyed a restful and peaceful summer. Now that September is upon us, it is time to announce the **Spiritual Growth Group** is ready and eager to begin a new year. I am extending a warm welcome to current and new members who desire to deepen their spiritual lives with our Good God, while enjoying friendship of caring compassionate women.



This year, we will be using Joanne Weaver's book titled: *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. Joanne's book will show all of us, Marys and Marthas, we can draw closer to our God by finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life by having a Mary heart in a Martha world.

We will begin on Wednesday, September 18, at 9:30 AM, in the Parish Center. The cost of the book is \$15. Come and enjoy one another; refreshments will be served. Please feel free to contact Sister Mary (413-596-4232, ext. 105) with any questions or concerns.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Birthday Wishes makes a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families by bringing them the joy of a birthday party. HOPE Ministry will once again be collecting birthday party supplies for Birthday Wishes from September 7-15. Please see the insert with the list of needed items. All items must be **new** and in the original packaging. Please check expiration dates on the frosting and cake mix; expiration dates should be **May 2025 or later**. We need 15 volunteers to help assemble and wrap the boxes in brightly colored birthday paper. his hands -on project will held be on Wed. Sept. 18 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Sign -up sheets are on the table in the Rotunda. or Call Kathy Fuss (413-478-1185) or Katy Reed (413-496-2547) with any questions. Last year we filled and wrapped 70 boxes!

St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club



The September Board meeting is Wednesday, September 4 in the Conference Room. The meeting will start promptly at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend and help kick off the new club year. Our Membership Tea is on Tuesday, September 10. Join us as we begin our new club year with a Liturgy at 5:30 PM in the Church followed by a meet-n-greet in the Parish Center at 6:00 PM. Our guests will be The Memory Lane Band and as the name implies, it will be music we are all familiar with. We invite all women of the parish to join us and learn what our club has to offer. Come, hear about the very exciting programs planned for this year. It will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones as we gather for coffee, tea and delicious desserts to enjoy.

Survival Center Bags will be distributed at all Masses on September 7th and 8th.

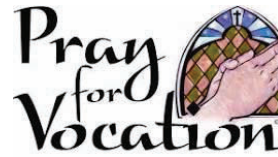
Remember to let Kim Lawler, our Corresponding Secretary, know if someone is sick, hospitalized or lost a loved one so that she may send an appropriate card.

The date for assembling the calendar raffle fundraiser mailings will be Wednesday, September 11, 9:00 AM until finished (hopefully by 1:00 or sooner). Please contact Sue Agnew if you will be able to help. agnewwil@charter.net or 596-9480. Thank You.

Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, a home for the terminally ill, is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 6 from 4:30 PM until 8:00 PM at the Moose Family Center, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee. Bring your friends and family for a fun evening of food, entertainment, and exciting raffle prizes. The donation is \$15 per person and children under 6 are free. Tickets can be purchased by calling 413-315-9784.

 **Date Change:** Coffee & Donuts will be after the 9:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, September 15**, in the Parish Center! The next collection of food for the **COMMUNITY SURVIVAL CENTER** will be **September 7 & 8**. Thank you for supporting our HOPE Ministry by helping our neighbors in need. 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Labor Day Miraculous Medal Novena Mass – 9:00am	3 Mass – 9am Adoration – 9:30am/C Tuesday Prayer Grp 9:30am/Ch Divine Mercy – 10am/C KOC Planning – 6:30/PH	4 Mass – 9am WC Board Mtg – 6pm/Conf Adult Choir – 7pm/C BS Troop Comm – 7:00/PH	5 Mass – 9am BS Troop 7pm/PC	6 – First Friday Mass – 9am Adoration – 9:30am Women of Faith 9:45am/PH	7 Confession – 3pm Mass – 4pm	8 Mass – 8am Mass – 9:30am Family Lit. Mass – 11am
						KOC Membership Survival Center Food Drive Birthday Wishes



Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary hosts First Friday Visits for men who are discerning the priesthood. The visits will include community for prayer, fellowship and dinner. These brief and informal evenings begin at 5:00 PM and conclude by 7:30 PM. During the visit here, they will join the community for Holy Hour and Evening Prayer, followed by dinner with seminarians and an opportunity to tour the Seminary. If a candidate wishes to speak with a priest faculty during his visit, it will be arranged. The next First Friday Visit will be **Friday, September 6**. Please email the seminary (FirstFriday@psjs.edu) with any questions.



The Wilbraham Women's Club will be holding the club's annual "Fall Into Fun" Card & Game Party & Luncheon, Thursday, September 26, in the Parish Center. Check-in begins at 11:30 AM with lunch served at Noon. The donation is \$10 and there will also be a raffle for cash prizes. Please bring friends, enjoy a delicious lunch, and have fun playing any game of your choice: bridge, whist, pitch, dominoes, Scrabble, and more. The profits are used for the club's scholarships and other charitable endeavors. For reservations, please call Sue Agnew (413-596-9480).



Marriage Help Program


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MASS ATTENDANCE (LAST WEEKEND)				
4PM	8AM	9:30AM	11AM	TOTAL
220	154	213	194	781
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Welcome All Women of St. Cecilia Parish!

Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September thru May at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. (Any changes to time or day will be noted in the bulletin). Following a short meeting enjoy an interesting program and some delicious baked goods, coffee and tea.

Membership is only \$5.00/year!



St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club

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