



PEACE

Glory to **GOD** in the highest
heaven, and on earth *peace* to
those on whom his *favor* rests.

LUKE 2:14

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SAINT CECILIA PARISH



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:00 PM Dr. David Manning (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Fran Slattery (12th Anniversary), req. by her Family

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

11:00 AM George Sr. & Mabel LeBlanc, req. by Pierre & Mary LeBlanc

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 AM Dr. David Manning (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Staff

5:30 PM Judith Tyburski (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Kolpus Family, req. by their Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM Philip Gorman, Jr. (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:00 PM Eurico Ferreira (Birthday Remembrance) & Siblings, req. by his Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Robert Kervick, req. by his Family

9:30 AM Robert Pietryka (13th Anniversary), req. by his Family

11:00 AM Roger Barbeau (5th Anniversary), req. by his Wife



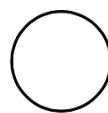
Remember, Lord, those who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith; especially those listed below for whom we now pray. May these, already be enjoying new life in Christ, find in Your presence love, laughter and joy as they reunite with loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord.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

Judith Daniele

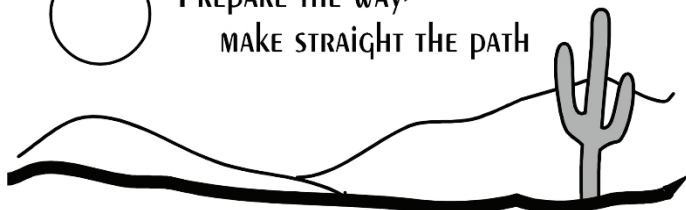
Joseph Kakley

Gordon Vogel

(Father of Craig Vogel)



PREPARE THE WAY-
MAKE STRAIGHT THE PATH



First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

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WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Regular Weekly Collection	\$	13,230.00
Weekly Collection	\$	14,300.00
Necessary to meet expenses		
Over / (Under) for the week	\$	(1,070.00)

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Regular Weekly Collection	\$	12,994.00
Weekly Collection	\$	14,300.00
Necessary to meet expenses		
Over / (Under) for the week	\$	(1,306.00)

Total Collection Fiscal YTD (eff July 1)	\$	302,239.60
YTD Weekly Collection	\$	328,900.00
Necessary to meet expenses		
Over / (Under) YTD	\$	(26,660.40)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

November Capital Improvements	\$	3,946.00
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Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All Advent Angel gifts should be brought to the Church and placed under the tree no later than December 14. It is most important that all gifts be here by this date so that we can get them to the families in need before Christmas. Thank you so much for your help and generosity! Please call Karen Wright (860-965-9650) or Barbara Spear (413-525-2913) with any questions.



Bring Saint Cecilia's with you while you are away!



Many of our parishioners travel to other locations over the winter months! We invite you to stay informed and check out our latest bulletins at www.saintceciliawilbraham.org.

We work hard to keep the website updated for you, our parishioners. And we would hate to have you miss something important.

Do not forget! HOPE Ministry, will donate 5% of all gift card sales during the month of December to Doctors without Borders. Please see the display in the Rotunda. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR GIFT CARD PROGRAM!**



The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Monday, December 8. Our Mass times are 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM. Please join us!

The Saint Cecilia Adult Choir will present its annual **Festival of Carols Concert** next Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 PM. This not-to-be-missed program, which will feature Advent and Christmas favorites, is sure to fill you with the spirit of the season. Freewill donations are gratefully accepted. Please plan to join us for this festive concert!



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

Welcome to our newest members:
Marilyn & Sheri Champagne
Brendan, Jessica & Liam McMahon
Maria Puppolo
Mark, Kaelly, Jack & Liam Ryan

MASS ATTENDANCE (LAST WEEKEND)

4PM	8AM	9:30AM	11AM	TOTAL
226	157	313	270	966

"Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise." Hebrews 10:23 **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

YEAR-END GIVING

Many parishioners use this time of year to support our parish while also positively impacting their federal and state income taxes. As a reminder, contributions made to the parish on or before December 31 are tax-deductible for the current tax year.



- Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) can be among the most beneficial types of gifts for both the donor and the parish.
- Many parishioners also choose to make a seasonal gift through a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). When fulfilling your RMD, please consider a donation to St. Cecilia Parish, a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations made directly from an RMD may be excluded from your taxable income.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

By naming St. Cecilia Parish as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets, life insurance policy, or donor-advised fund, you make a meaningful and lasting impact on the future of our parish and its ministries. For more information, please visit the resource link on our website: www.saintceciliawilbraham.org/images/pdf/legacy.pdf.

As always, please consult your financial advisor. Thank you for remembering St. Cecilia Parish in your year-end giving and in your long-term financial and estate planning!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING



Thank you for your support in decorating the church during the Christmas season. Please complete the *In Memory/Honor* information on the back of the offertory envelope. Father James will pray for your intentions in the month of December.

Christmas Eve Masses

3:00 PM
5:00 PM
10:00 PM

Christmas Day Masses

9:30 AM
11:00 AM



Advent Confessions

Saturday, December 13, 3:00-3:30 PM
Saturday, December 20, 2:00-3:30 PM (extended hours)
Monday December 22, 6:00-7:00 PM

St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club



Our annual Christmas meeting is this Tuesday, **December 9** with Liturgy starting at 5:30 PM followed by a delicious catered dinner at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. We look forward to hearing seasonal Christmas

music by one of our favorite performers, Freddie Marion. Please remember to bring a sweatshirt to this meeting for adults and spread warm Christmas cheer to those in need. They will be distributed to a local faith-based charity.

Reminder: To those who signed up for plant delivery for our homebound: please pick up the poinsettia and greeting card at this meeting or arrange to have someone pick it up for you.



Many thanks to Ann Mango and the Altar Society Committee for another stunning creation during this autumn Thanksgiving season. It looked beautiful and all your efforts are appreciated.



Thank you to all who participated in our November Calendar Raffle. We are so grateful for your support in this major fundraiser and we send congratulations to all the winners!! Please see the complete list of winners on the board in the Rotunda.



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

Sophie Mary Raccis



Next weekend, we will have our **monthly food collection** to benefit the Community Survival Center after all the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Coffee & Donuts will be after the 9:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, December 14**, in the Parish Center!



SAINT CECILIA SOCIAL CONNECTION All Are Welcome!

Gather your friends and join us on Thursday, December 18 at 11:30 AM in the Parish Center for some holiday cheer! Deb Salli and the Valley Carolers will treat us to the beautiful sounds of Christmas with traditional carols and fun holiday songs. The meal will be lasagna, meatballs, onions, peppers, & sausages, salad, bread, and dessert! The cost of the meal is \$22. Make checks payable to St. Cecilia Social Connection and drop them off at the Parish Office or in the collection basket at Mass **no later than Monday December 15**. Please RSVP so we can provide the number of attendees to the caterers for their meal preparation.



The **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE** is officially here! Please place new, unwrapped toys in the toy box in the Rotunda before Sunday, December 14. Thank you for donating toys to benefit children in our parish and the surrounding communities. For more information, please contact Brian Lawler (413-636-4601). Thank you for spreading Christmas joy this year!



We wish to thank everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving Food Drive, and to all who worked hard to put the boxes together and get them out the door. Once again, your generosity allowed many families to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving dinner, despite the ongoing difficulties some have in putting food on the table. We raised over \$12,000 which allowed us to hand out 65 boxes of food with turkeys. Some folks received grocery store gift cards (purchased from the Saint Cecilia Gift Card Program). After those expenses, checks were sent to both the Gray House and the Community Survival Center. 100% of donations received went back out into the community. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 FF – 4:15pm/PC SCWC Board – 6pm/Conf CYO – 6pm/PC Immaculate Conception Masses 9:00 am & 5:30 pm 	9 Mass – 9am Adoration – 9:30am/C Tuesday Prayer Grp 9:30am/Ch Divine Mercy – 10am/C SCWC Mass – 5:30pm SCWC – 6pm/PC	10 Mass – 9am SGG – 9:30am/PC CYO – 4pm/PC Pageant Rehearsal 4pm/C Adult Choir – 7pm/C Troop Committee 7pm/PH	11 Mass – 9am WWC – 11:30am/PC CYO – 4pm/PC OCIC – 4:15pm/Conf OCIA – 6:30pm/Conf BS – 7pm/PC	12 Women of Faith 9:45am/Conf CYO – 4pm/PC	13 CYO – 10:00am/PC KOC COR – 8:30am/PH Confession – 3pm Mass – 4pm	14 Mass – 8am Mass – 9:30am Family Lit. **Coffee & Donuts Mass – 11am 4:00pm Festival of Carols Angel Tree, KOC Toy Drive Due by Dec. 14 Survival Center Food Collection

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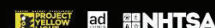


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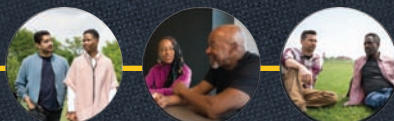
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