

*Third*  
SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

**God is Spirit, and  
those who worship  
Him must worship in  
spirit and in truth.**

JOHN 4:24

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# SAINT CECILIA PARISH



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00 PM Estelle Nietupski (Birthday Rem.), req. by Mark & Georgann Collins

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM Janice Kervick, req. by Elizabeth & Ed Rau

9:30 AM Frances Ann Popovich (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), req. by her Husband

11:00 AM Jeffrey Coelho (Birthday Rem.), req. by Fran & Sandy Polom

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

5:30 PM Fran Popovich, req. by Craig & Colette Vogel

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 AM Betty Crinella, req. by Tom & Ann Mango

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM Michael Walsh, req. by Kathy Perry

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 AM Michael Chris, req. by Marissa Prairie

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:00 PM Norman LaGasse (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), req. by his Family

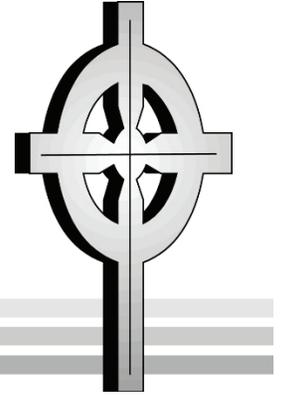
### SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM Claire Soucy, req. by her Family

9:30 AM Brendan Joyce (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), req. by the Cambo Family

11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lisi Family, req. by the Mentekidis Family

# Christ died for us



#### First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

#### Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

#### Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

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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.

**Martha Nowakowski**

**Thomas Reavey**

**Carol Rosati (Sister of David Goodrich)**

MASS ATTENDANCE (LAST WEEKEND)				
4PM	8AM	9:30AM	11AM	TOTAL
272	136	267	200	875
"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!				

**St. Cecilia Parish is here to serve you, our community and beyond. Your consistent financial support is essential to that mission. We are grateful for your generosity and rely on your support to keep us strong and of service to all.**

WEEKEND OF MARCH 1, 2026	
Regular Weekly Collection	\$ 15,071.00
Weekly Collection Necessary to meet expenses	\$ 14,300.00
Over / (Under) for the week	\$ 771.00
Total Collection Fiscal YTD (eff July 1)	\$ 530,956.00
YTD Weekly Collection Necessary to meet expenses	\$ 514,800.00
Over / (Under) YTD	\$ 16,156.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
February Capital Improvements	\$ 3,845.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday Novena Mass 5:30 PM  
Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 AM

### LENTEN STUDY GROUP

*Conversations About the Liturgy*  
March 25, 6:30 PM

### EVENING OF REFLECTION

*St. Mary Parish, Longmeadow*  
Wednesday, March 18, begins at 5:30 PM

### HOLY HOUR/ADORATION

Tuesdays after 9:00 AM Mass  
Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 PM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 3:00 PM (except March 20)  
Friday, March 20, 4:00 PM (Youth)

### EXPANDED CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 5:00–6:00 PM  
March 17, 24, 31  
Saturdays, 3:00–3:30 PM & By Appointment

## LENTEN REGULATIONS REMINDER

1. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs but should not equal another full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age and does not cease.
4. The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ceases at age fifty-nine (59).

Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place. No Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from these Lenten obligations.



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!



## **Unity, Stewardship, Commitment**

Our annual parish fundraising collection to supplement our operating budget is underway. In the spirit of Unity and Stewardship, we are asking our parishioners to make an additional gift to the parish to ensure that our ministries continue to flourish. Our parish faces the same rising costs that we all do in our individual lives. This winter's record cold and snowfall are an added strain on our operating budget.

A generous family has already made a \$50,000 gift toward this effort. They sincerely hope that our parish family will match or exceed their gift. Together we can accomplish this goal. Please mail or place your gift and form in the collection baskets this weekend and next weekend.

Your continued support, generosity and commitment to our parish is what makes St Cecilia's a growing and thriving Catholic community. We thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Our parish youth have an incredible opportunity to go to Steubenville East this July. The Catholic conference will once again be held at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. In addition to the amazing speakers, incredible music, and the participation of Bishop Byrne and many priests, this conference is an opportunity to grow closer to Christ with other teens. Last year, St. Cecilia Parish had 26 youth and 6 adults attend.



To help defray the costs of attending this weekend event, parish youth will be holding their annual M&M Fundraiser beginning next weekend. We ask that you take and enjoy the M&M's and then return the tube with a donation the following weekend March 21 & 22. God is still at work in our world - your donation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Carolee McGrath (caroleesings@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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The **Annual Catholic Appeal** has begun and is a vital expression of this Gospel call. It allows us, as a faith community, to unite our individual gifts to support ministries and services that no single parish or family could sustain alone. Through the Appeal, the Church serves the poor, educates and forms future leaders, supports clergy and religious, strengthens families, and provides pastoral care across the diocese. Please prayerfully consider giving. You can make your gift online <https://diospringfield.org/aca>. Thank you.

# St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club

*"Lent is a time for us to empty ourselves of worldly distractions and allow God to fill us with His love, His grace and His peace." Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

Please join us for our Lenten meeting on March 10 beginning with the Liturgy at 5:30 PM. Our meeting will follow at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center with a dinner of Minestrone soup, chicken salad sandwiches, potato chips, oatmeal raisin and chocolate chip cookies along with coffee and tea. This will be an Evening of Reflection with guest speaker, Dr. Rob Robinson. Please call Dottie Paluck (596-8000) 2 Balsam Drive, Wilbraham or Deb Dupont (585-749-3782) 82 Cherry Drive, Wilbraham to register. Registration and payment of \$10 is due by March 6. You may also leave it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. Healthy snacks will be collected and accompany the next Loaves and Fishes lunch on March 23.



Please also join us for a Lenten activity "Making Palm Crosses for Family, Friends and Homebound Parishioners" on March 24 from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Parish Center. Instructions will be provided and refreshments will be served. Please call Denise Fiedler to register at 413-426-7095. Thank you to Activities Chair, Denise Fiedler, for arranging this meaningful activity. Volunteers are needed to help deliver palms. Please call Denise at 413-426-7095 if you are willing to help. Thank you.



## Scholarships

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
<b>March 14</b>	St. Cecilia Women's Club
<b>March 16</b>	St. Cecilia Edu. Endowment Fund
<b>March 30</b>	Knights of Columbus

All scholarship applications are available on the bookcase in the Rotunda and on the Parish website under Downloadable Forms. The KOC Scholarship application is also available on their 5K road race page.



**SAVE THE DATE:  
ST. CECILIA SOCIAL CONNECTION  
Thursday, March 19**

Come join us for a wonderful St. Patrick's Day. We will enjoy a Ham dinner with all the fixings. Our entertainment will be Paul & Charlie from RETRO-MOTION, who will delight us with lively Irish music and fun.

Please make checks payable to St. Cecilia Social Connection and place into the collection basket or drop off in the Parish Office **no later than Monday, March 16**. The cost of the meal is \$22. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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The Knights of Columbus **EASTER FOOD DRIVE** starts this weekend, March 7. Donation envelopes were inserted into the bulletins and are available at the exits for the next couple of weekends for you to make your donations of cash or check. Checks should be made out to: K of C 10195, with "food drive" in the memo line. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket at Mass, dropped off at the Parish office, or mailed to: Saint Cecilia K of C, Food Drive, 42 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095. If a donation envelope is not available, a regular envelope will do. We are asking that all donations be received by Monday, March 23 if possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity in making Easter food available to those in need. God bless you.



Celebrate **Divine Mercy** on Sunday April 12, 2026 at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. Enjoy the speakers, the outdoor Mass, worship music, Adoration and Confession, and Eden Hill Stations of the Cross sculptures. The deluxe motor coach departs Christ the King Church, Ludlow at 9:00 AM and returns at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$40. Contact Do-Han (413-250-8576) for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 FF - 4:15pm/PC Novena Mass - 5:30pm	10 Mass - 9am Adoration - 9:30am/CH Tuesday Prayer Grp 9:30am/Conf Divine Mercy - 10am/CH SCWC Mass - 5:30pm/C SCWC - 6pm/PC	11 Mass - 9am SGG - 9:30am/PC Adult Choir - 7pm/C	12 Mass - 9:00am WWC - 11:30am/PC OCIC - 4:45pm/Conf OCIA - 6:30pm/Conf BS - 7pm/PC	13 Women of Faith 9:45/Conf  STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3pm/Church	14 Confession - 3pm/C Mass - 4pm  KOC St. Patrick's Dinner - 5:00PM  M & M Fundraiser Distribution Survival Center Food Collection	15 Mass - 8am Mass - 9:30am Family Lit. Mass - 11am

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