SAINT CECILIA PARISH

Mass on WPA Channel 191 – Sundays at 7:00 PM and Mondays at 7:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
4:00 PM Antoinette Gedney, req. by her Family & Friends

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM Elinor King (1st Anniversary), req. by Peter & Judi Dutko
9:30 AM Manuel Gonsalves (Birthday Remembrance), req. by his Wife & Family
11:00 AM Peg & Len Von Flatern, req. by their Children
12:00 PM ANOINTING OF THE SICK

MONDAY, MARCH 7 – MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
5:30 PM Ed Crawford, req. by the Vogel Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
9:00 AM Thaddeus Mysliwy (9th Anniversary), req. by Helen Mysliwy & Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9
9:00 AM Richard Hartman (1st Anniv), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
9:00 AM Rita Kulig (2nd Anniversary), req. by her Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 11
5:30 PM Jeff Felix (Birthday Remembrance), req. by Craig & Colette Vogel
6:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 12
4:00 PM William Holden (Birthday Remembrance), req. by his Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM Richard Green (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Staff
9:30 AM Alfred Yelle, req. by Teams of Our Lady
11:00 AM Annette Roy (Birthday Remembrance), req. by her Family

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends in memory of Carolyn Zawacki, Raymond Gotta (Brother of Marge Halgas) & Richard Urlage (Brother of Jerry Urlage).

THANK YOU FR. ROACH!
Father Boyle and the Parish Staff would like to give Father Roach a big thank you for all he did during his stay at St. Cecilia! Your kind spirit and big smile was appreciated by all. We look forward to you visiting us in the future!
PRAYER CENACLE
On May 8, 1972, while praying in the Chapel of the Apparitions at Fatima, Rev. Fr. Stefano Gobbi, an Italian priest from Milan, felt an interior call to start the Marian Movement of Priests. This movement was launched with other priests on October 13, 1972, and is now a universal ministry. The MMP is Mary's gift to the Church in our times, to comfort her in her great distress and help her children live, with trust and filial hope, the painful moments of the purification. The structure of the cenacle is to invoke the Holy Spirit, pray the Rosary, pray for our Pope and priests, read and meditate on a reading from To the Priests Our Lady's Beloved Sons, and make an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our MMP prayer cenacle at St. Cecilia is in its 5th year, now meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Children's Room. Please join us in praying the Rosary... Mary's prayer par excellence is the weapon she gives us to fight today's spiritual battles! For more information, please contact Cathy Garwood (596-5955) or Colette Vogel (596-9935).

The Saint Cecilia Players will hold auditions for their Spring 2016 Broadway Review on Sunday, March 20 from 6:00-9:00 PM in the Parish Center or Monday, March 21 from 6:15-9:00 PM in the Church. Auditionees should be prepared to sing "Luck Be a Lady" or "I Don't Know How to Love Him." Music is available on the Book Rack in the Rotunda. For additional information, please contact Todd Rovelli (537-3223).

CALL TO THE DIACONATE: CLASS OF 2021
Have you heard the call? The Diocese of Springfield is proud to announce the formation of their fifteenth class of Deacons. Men, ages 31 and up, from Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire Counties who are interested in the Diaconate Program should plan to attend one of the upcoming informational meeting. The meetings will be held at three separate locations on Sunday, March 13 from 2:00-4:00 PM. The three locations are: Bishop Marshall Center, Elliot Street, Springfield, St. Mary's School Library, 115 Orchard Street, Lee and the Newman Center, 472 North Pleasant Street, Amherst. Please register by email to diaconate@diospringfield.org with your name, address, telephone number and parish. If you are unable to email your information or are interested in the Diaconate Formation Program but are unable to make the informational meeting, please contact Deacon Leo Coughlin (413 452-0674).

Don’t miss out! Tickets are selling fast for the annual KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER to be held on Saturday, March 12 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Center. A traditional Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, vegetables, rye and Irish soda bread, dessert and beverages will be served. There will be a cash bar and another legendary Knights’ raffle. There are no reservations and no refunds! Tickets are the same price as last year: $15 for adults and $7 for children 12 and under. Ten tickets are sold per table. Select your table and seat early. Tickets are for sale after all Masses in the Rotunda. The names of ticket holders will be posted for each table on the seating chart.

The Wilbraham Junior Women's Club invites all children and their families to the ANNUAL BUNNY BREAKFAST on Saturday, March 19 from 8:00-11:00 AM in the Parish Center. Tickets will be sold at the door and cost $4.00 for children (12 and under) and $6.00 for adults. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, milk and coffee! There will be free face painting and crafts for the kids. Be sure to bring your camera for some great pictures with the bunny. Try your luck by purchasing tickets for some wonderful raffle basket drawings. Proceeds from the Bunny Breakfast will benefit several local community projects that support women, children and families.

There will be a Lenten Mission at St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow on Monday, March 7 through Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 PM. Deacons Robert Herrmann and Eddie Ensley are the facilitators for this Lenten Mission. Deacon Ensley is one of the most gifted Catholic speakers today. His writings have been fervently recommended to the Church by spiritual giants like Father Benedict Groeschel. Deacon Ensley is the author of twelve books and articles. Deacon Herrmann holds a widely respected expertise in spiritual journalism and teaching contemplative prayer. He has more than 35 years of experience leading parish missions. They were both ordained in 2001 and both serve at St. Anne Catholic Church in Columbus, Georgia. Come join St. Elizabeth’s Parish for three evenings of spiritual renewal. Additionally, morning Mass with shorter sessions will be held at 9:00 AM.

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32) If you think God is calling you, call Father Gary Dailey (413-452-0816) or email at g.dailey@diospringfield.org. The website for vocations is www.myvocation.com.
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St. Cecilia Catholic Women’s Club

Remember to contact Pat Murphy (596-6626) if you know of anyone who is ill, has lost a loved one or has been hospitalized so that our club may send them our thoughts and prayers.

Please continue to drop off trial size toiletries for the homeless shelters. Items can be left in the plastic box in the Rotunda near the Book Rack. Rosary beads can also be left in the same box. Thank you!

EASTER FOOD DRIVE
The Knights of Columbus will once again coordinate the EASTER FOOD BASKET program for the Parish. Boxes will be available in the Rotunda during the weekends of March 5/6 and 12/13. Parishioners willing to participate are asked to fill their boxes and return them to the Parish Center before or after Masses on March 19 & 20 or no later than 9:30 AM on Tuesday, March 22. If you know of a family or individual that needs an Easter Food Basket, contact the parish office (596-4232, x101).

LETS HELP SAVE LIVES!
Cathedral High School will be hosting its Spring Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, March 16 from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM in the school gymnasium. The school is located at 310 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA. Please call Lynn Leone to schedule an appointment (782-5285, x4013) Monday through Friday between 7:45 AM-3:30 PM. You may also contact Lynn by email at lleone@cathedralhigh.org. Remember each pint of blood donated will save up to three lives.

CALLING ALL SMA ALUMNI!
SMA is trying to organize a St. Michael’s Academy Reunion this spring or early summer. Please send your email or contact information to Mrs. Phyllis Lund at p.lund@smaspringfield.org or call 413 782-5246, x1202. We certainly welcome ALL alumni and encourage everyone to spread the word. We look forward to hearing from you!

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CONNECTION
Come join us for a wonderful St. Patrick’s Day gathering of Irish music and laughter.

Date: Thursday, March 17
Place: Parish Center
Time: 11:30 AM
Meal: Corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings.
Cost: $14*
Program: Father Dan Boyle and Father Matt Alcombright will entertain us with Irish music, laughter and fun!

All are welcome! *Please make checks payable to: St. Cecilia Senior Connection and mail in or place into the collection basket by Monday, March 14.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Scholarship Applications

Applications for the ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS are now available. The only requirement is that the applicant is a member of St. Cecilia Parish and a graduating senior. Two $1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Pick up an application in the Parish Office. The application deadline is April 1. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Diotalevi (596-6038).

The SAINT CECILIA SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND was established by Bill and Cindy Lyons and family in honor and appreciation of the service, guidance and friendship given to individuals and families of Saint Cecilia Parish by Sister Mary Patrice Mahoney, Sister Mary McCue and Father Joseph Soranno. This fund provides for three annual $1,500 scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors as well as additional scholarships to the 2015 recipients. Applications are available in the Parish Office and must be submitted by April 8.

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL will be awarding their annual scholarships to high school seniors planning on continuing their education to a two or four year college program in the 2016-2017 school year. Applications are available in the Parish Office and the Minnechaug Guidance Department and are due by April 15. Applicants must be members of St. Cecilia Parish. If there are questions, please contact David Money (596-2998).

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