

**St. Cecilia Church Wilbraham, MA**

*And to the earth  
it gave great light...*

*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

# SAINT CECILIA PARISH



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00 PM Florence Vaudrin (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), req. by her Family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Mary Ablondi, req. by her Peter  
9:30 AM Cecile & Leonard Patryn, req. by the Ferris Family  
11:00 AM Amico “Chip” Barone (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), req. by his Wife & Children

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 – MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

5:30 PM Artilio & Ancilla Mei and Jack & Yolanda Petrolati, req. by Paul Mei

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 AM Curtis Rahilly (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 AM Joan Kennedy (Birthday Rem), req. by the Dubois Family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 AM Barbara Schmidt (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), req. by her Husband

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

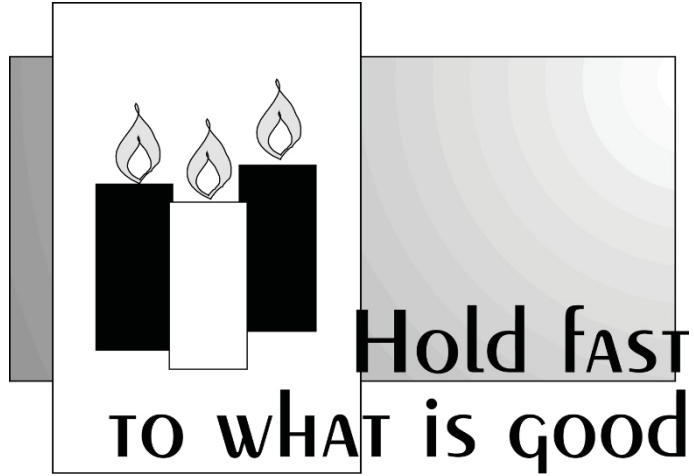
4:00 PM Russ Pelletier, Jr, req. by his Mom & Dad

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Torolf & Marguerite Waage, req. by Ann O’Flaherty  
9:30 AM Edward McFarland (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia  
11:00 AM Irena Szydłowska (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia

### THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:00 PM Jean Makowski (45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), req. by Jane Soukup **(Church)**  
4:00 PM Maria Manning, req. by her Family **(Parish Center)**  
6:30 PM Deceased members of the Viner & Cuddy Families, req. by John & Nancy Cuddy.  
10:00PM People of Saint Cecilia Parish



### First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ’s arrival. He tells them to “avoid any semblance of evil” so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.


### Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

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We offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends in memory of **James Liston** (Father of Jane O’Keefe) and **Ana L. Morales** (Mother of Ricky Crespo).



**Christmas Day Masses**  
9:30 AM  
11:00 AM

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



All Parish members and families are invited to a special event honoring **Ed Chapman** for his many contributions to our Parish, its CYO/sports programs, the greater Wilbraham community and our country. This celebration will take place at Minnechaug High School on December 21, immediately before the girls' varsity basketball game. A reception, with refreshments, will take place in the school cafeteria beginning at 6:00 PM. and there will be a presentation at mid-court at 7:00 PM, followed by the girls' varsity game against South Hadley at 7:30 PM. Please join us in honoring Ed Chapman.



We welcome into our Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism: **Walker Christopher Burns** and **Charlotte Rose Stagnaro**.

**Please note:** There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on December 26 due to the Christmas Holy Day.

**CHRISTMAS AND YEAR END GIVING** is not only a Catholic tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift – God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Tradition holds that the three kings, or wise men, followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year. But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon us during the year? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for His many blessings. Many people enjoy using this time of year to give to their church and also positively impact their federal and state income taxes.



- Gifts made by December 31 are tax deductible for this tax year.
- Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are some of the best gifts to make.
- Naming our parish as a beneficiary of life insurance proceeds can be a wonderful means of making a future major gift.

Thank you in advance for remembering St. Cecilia Parish as you make your charitable contributions.

Because of the large attendance expected at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, we will be using the **STACK PARKING SYSTEM**. This will allow us the maximum number of cars in the parking lot. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



The Knights of Columbus Council 10195 would like to thank everyone who helped make our *Annual "Christ"-mas Birthday Party* for Jesus a wonderful success. We appreciate the many families of Knights and parishioners that either donated food items or their time to help run a part of the event. We especially thank the Reach Out students and their teachers that volunteered to run the game stations, Lisa Burkins for coordinating the food station, and Kim Nowicki for making the birthday cake, and Friendly's for donating the ice cream. Thank you to all the Knights that volunteered. We look forward to having this party next year as we remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

**Thank you** for supporting senior religious. A sister in Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



The PARISH OFFICE will be **Monday, December 25** and **Tuesday, December 26** to celebrate Christmas.

Come and be filled with Christmas Spirit at our **Festival of Carols** this Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 PM. Enjoy the beautiful carols by our Adult and Children's Choir. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



*"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To Cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."* - Calvin Coolidge

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# St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club

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*Dr. Loretta Scott*

Thank you to everyone who brought items to the December meeting for our *Mitten Tree*. All scarves, hats, mittens and other warm items were donated to adults and children in need. I would also like to thank Dorothy Mikaelian and her committee for handling the delivery of poinsettia plants to shut-ins and those in nursing homes. What a wonderful way to add cheer to their holidays.



**Save the Date!** Our annual **Card Party and Luncheon** will be held on January 25 in the Parish Center from 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Any raffle prize donations will be greatly appreciated! Get a group together to enjoy a delicious lunch and play a game of your choice. If you would like to help or need reservations, please contact Sue Agnew (596-9480). The cost is \$7 per person and payable at the door. Thank you in advance for your support.



All girls and boys ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition for the **2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**. The local competition will be held on January 13 at 10:00 AM at the St. Cecilia Parish Center.

All contestants at the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Winners progress through district and state competitions. Participants are requested to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, please contact Jared Demetri (413-279-1023). On-site registration is fine.

**NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** will be held on Saturday, January 27 and 2:00-4:00 PM. Any interested student, in grade 4 or above, is asked to call Mr. Polom (596-2181). Attendance is required.



## ST. CECILIA SENIOR CONNECTION

All are welcome to join us for a Christmas celebration of friendship and fun!

Please join us **Tuesday, December 19** for our beautiful holiday meal of pot roast with all the fixings. Entertainment will be provided by our own Kathryn Abbott. Kathryn will sing and play her beautiful harp. Be prepared to be filled Christmas Spirit. The tickets are only \$14 and there is still time to reserve your seat. Please make checks payable to *St. Cecilia Senior Connection* and be sure to RSVP by Monday, December 18. We hope to see you there!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10195



The Saint Cecilia Council of the Knights of Columbus is proud to announce the addition of two new members. On Sunday, November 19 we welcomed Jim Rooney and Dan Perry in a ceremony here at Saint Cecilia. Please join us in congratulating Jim and Dan.

**Men of the Parish:** If you are interested in learning more about the Knights, please join us for a no obligation dinner in the Parish Center on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 PM. Becoming a Knight is a great way to get involved in the Parish on your own schedule, as there are no meeting requirements, or obligations.



The St. Cecilia K of C invites you to participate in our 25/100 raffle. Purchasing a raffle ticket supports our charitable activities while having fun, and maybe making a profit. One ticket is \$25, and includes the named individual in 10 drawings for \$100 each AND an 11th drawing for \$500. Better yet, if you buy three tickets, the fourth is free. Single tickets with an announcement, and books of 4, can be found in the Rotunda; more can be purchased from Pete Martinelli (330-6530). Tickets will be sold through December 31. Drawings will be held at the January & February business meetings and the \$500 grand prize will be drawn at the St. Patrick's Dinner in March. The raffle tickets make a great stocking stuffer!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>18</b> RCIC 4pm/Conf. Rm FF (Gr. 1 -6) 4:15-5:15pm/MRHS Miraculous Medal Novena 5:30pm CYO Practice 6pm/PC	<b>19</b> Rosary - 8:35am Mass - 9am Prayer Group 9:30am/OLC Senior Connection 11:30am/PC Eucharistic Adoration 4-8pm/C KOC/Meeting 6pm/C Cenacle Prayer Group 6:30pm/Children's Rm	<b>20</b> Rosary - 8:35am Mass - 9am Spiritual Growth Group 9:30am/Conf Rm  CYO Practice 4pm/PH Pack Mtg 6:30pm/PH Adult Choir Rehearsal 7pm/C	<b>21</b> Rosary - 8:35am Mass - 9am Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am/OLC Christmas Confessions - 6pm/C RCIA 6pm/Conf Rm FL Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm/C Boy Scout Meeting 6:45pm/PH	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Kids Sandwich Ministry Noon/CR Mass - 4pm/C	<b>24</b> Mass - 8-9:30-11:00am Fourth Sunday of Advent/C  The Vigil of Christmas 4pm/C 4pm/PC 6:30pm/C 10pm/C  



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