

# Saint Cecilia Church

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**April 19, 2015 - Third Sunday of Easter**

## Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 & 6:30 P.M.

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:45, and 11:15 A.M.

Weekday Masses (Monday - Saturday): 6:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses: 4:00 P.M. (Vigil)  
6:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

Rev. Robert D. Brusio  
Pastor

Rev. Richard G. Roger  
Rev. Thomas G. Landry  
Assisting Priests

Deacon Ronald J. Aubuchon

## Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00 P.M.

## Baptisms:

Please call the rectory in advance to schedule baptismal instruction.

## Marriages:

Couple should contact the rectory at least one year in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

Mr. David M. Lasky  
Music Director, Organist

Mrs. Patricia A. Secino,  
Religious Education Director

Dr. Richard and Patricia Secino,  
Directors of Evangelization and RCIA

# Mass Intentions



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>Vigil Masses</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 250</b>
4:00 p.m.	Walter Ryder (4th anniv.) by Warren & Cynthia Ryder		
6:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 250</b>
7:00 a.m.	David G. Constant by Diane & Jacques Constant		
9:45 a.m.	Irma Lehoux by her family		
11:15 a.m.	Bernard & Arthur Loiselle (anniv.) by Norman & Laurette Loiselle		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 255</b>
6:30 a.m.	Joseph Manzello by Linda Ringer		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>St. Anselm, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 256</b>
6:30 a.m.	Noella Legere by Patricia Swett		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 22</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 258</b>
6:30 a.m.	Paula Roy by Al & Claudette Guilmette		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>St. George, Martyr</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 259</b>
6:30 a.m.	Yvette Desharnais by her estate		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest &amp; Martyr</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 261</b>
6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish		
1:00 p.m.	<u>WEDDING</u> : Timothy Becker & Kaitlin McKinley		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 25</b>	<b>St. Mark, Evangelist</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 262</b>
6:30 a.m.	Jeanne Judkins by Roger Prince & Hector Bilodeau		
		<b><u>Vigil Masses</u></b>	<b><u>Mass on pg. 264</u></b>
4:00 p.m.	Leandre Bourque, Eva & Roger Babineau (anniv.) by the family		
6:30 p.m.	Cecile & Joseph Freda (anniv.) by Richard & Carol Cormier		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 264</b>
7:00 a.m.	John L. Cormier (2nd anniv.) by his wife & family		
9:45 a.m.	Leo R. Gariepy (1st anniv.) by his family		
11:15 a.m.	Ida "Mae" Bopp (1st anniv.) by her husband		

## OPENING HYMN

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

REFRAIN

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

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***A Message From Our Pastor.***

Dear Friends,

Recently someone asked me, "Can you be a good Christian and not go to church?" I said that I think you could be a good person and not go to church, but I don't think you can be a good Christian and not go to church.

Being a good person is rather an elastic term. Are you honest, kind, considerate? Do you try to hurt no one – physically or emotionally? More than that, do you actively try to help other people or do you stay in a narrow comfort zone of family and friends? Good people come with all types of different religious beliefs or even none at all.

To be a good Christian is another matter. To be a good Christian implies everything needed to be a good person with the added aspect of a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our primary source of information about Jesus Christ is the Bible, and it is clear from Jesus' own teachings as well as the evidence of the earliest Christian community recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, that Jesus came for the salvation of all and He established a leadership group (the Apostles) to continue His work of preaching, teaching and healing of souls.

He didn't authorize the Church of Peter, the Church of John, the Church of Matthew, etc. He established One Church, One Body of Christ on earth. To be a good Christian calls for a relationship with Jesus Christ, and the knowledge and understanding of Jesus which we must have if we are to have a relationship with Him is found by active participation in the family of believers, the Church.

God bless you all,

Father Bob Brusco

**Annual Pro-Life Rose Drive**

On Mother's Day Weekend **May 9th and 10th**, Saint Cecilia's parish will participate in the annual Mass Citizens for Life Rose Drive to honor all mothers and in support of Pro-Life Causes. One of the beneficiaries this year is Problem Pregnancy of Worcester which has saved thousands of lives in its 33 year history! Parishioners are asked to make a donation for flowers which they take home or place in the church at the statue of Our Lady. Thank you!



*If you can assist selling flowers after Mass on this weekend, please call Marcie Allain at 978-840-8512.*

**Election of Delegates for 2015 Triennial Convention for Chapters #280 and #296 Catholic Financial Life (formerly Union St. Jean Baptiste)** will be held this Tuesday, April 21 at 7 PM in the parish center lower hall. *Please plan to attend this very important meeting.*

**St. Cecilia's Parish**

**Electronic Recycling Day**

**Saturday, May 9  
9 AM - 2 PM**

**Check next week's bulletin for more details.**



**Last Week's Stewardship Collection was \$ 8,334.  
Thank You Very Much!!**

Third Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace to you.' But they were startled and frightened." (Luke 24:36-37) Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and provide some "peace" in their lives. Just because the person is a stranger, maybe looks different than us or is someone we don't particularly care for doesn't let us off the hook.

*May the gates of heaven  
open up to reveal  
strength  
and comfort  
in your times of  
trial and sorrow.  
God will comfort You.*



The Sympathies of the parish community are extended to the family and friends of **Paul H. Howard, Delphis J. Comeau, Grace A. Palmer and Theresa M. Lizotte** whose Funeral Services were held recently. Please remember them in your prayers

**Banns of Marriage**

**Week #3**

**Timothy Becker & Kaitlin McKinley**

**Welcome!**



In a spirit of joyful hope we welcome **Dylan James Richard** into our parish family by baptism as he begins his life of faith here within our parish community.



**Altar Server Schedules  
Are Ready For Pickup  
In The Sacristy**

**Bingo Workers  
Needed!**



**You Need To Work Only Once A Month.**

Workers are needed to help in all areas of the parish Bingo, but especially helping out in the two Bingo kitchens, upstairs and downstairs. Call the rectory if you can help, or see Jim Fernandes or Father Bob. Workers are needed also to help verify winning numbers or to sell the Charity Game tickets.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

**Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society** donation boxes are located on the radiators in the right and left transepts and also in the rear vestibule of our church. Contributions are welcome to help local needy families with food.

**St. Cecilia's Bingo is held Friday  
evenings at 6:30 PM  
Doors open at 4:00 PM  
Come Try Your Luck!**



**Doing SPRING Cleaning Soon? Moving?** We are now collecting stuff for our Holiday Fair. Consider setting items aside for our Holiday Fair. The Flea Market is now accepting items. We will be happy to receive canning jars, musical instruments, gloves, belts, dishes, tablecloths, doilies, toys, medals, jewelry, etc.



**Please note, we are unable to accept books, computers, monitors, televisions, electrical appliances, padded furniture, clothing or shoes.**

**Drop off times for these items are: Saturdays from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. and Mondays from 5-7 P.M.** All donations are to be dropped off at the parish center (use lower Third St. and Mechanic St. side door across from the church).

**Fundraiser for Food Pantry**

A Fundraising Concert for Our Lady of the Lake Church Food Pantry (services the Leominster, Fitchburg, and Lunenburg area.) will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. Featuring Olga Pineda, violin and piano, Mary Carfagna, cello, Sanghee Kim, piano and special participation of OLLC Adult Choir and OLLC Choir of Angels. CASH donations accepted. Our Lady of the Lake Church is at 1400 Main St., Leominster.

**1st Annual Spring Fling** at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Fitchburg on Saturday April 25, 2015 from 7-11 PM. Come dance the night away to the music of John Godek. \$5.00 admission per person. Cash bar.

**The Montachusett Chorale** will perform its **Spring Pops Concert** on Sunday, **May 3rd at 2 PM** in the Tata Auditorium at Leominster City Hall, 25 West St. The concert will celebrate Leominster's 100th birthday as a city and benefit the Mayor Mazzarella's Heating Fund.



*Admission is free. A free will donation will be taken.*

**Part-time Employment Opportunity** Available In Auburn - St. Joseph Parish Center, 68 Central Street, Auburn, is in need of a custodian on a part-time basis. Applicants should compile a resume of qualifications and employment history and mail the documentation to the attention of the pastor at St. Joseph Church, 194 Oxford Street North, Auburn, MA 01501.

**L'chaim! 'Fiddler on the Roof' at Hanover Theatre**

You are invited to Assumption College's presentation of the Tony Award-winning musical Fiddler on the Roof. The 39-member cast, comprised of Assumption students, alumni, and local residents, will perform the musical April 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m., and April 26 at 2 p.m. Set in the Pale of Imperial Russia in 1905, Fiddler on the Roof tells the story of Tevye, the father of five daughters, as he struggles to maintain his family and Jewish tradition while external influences encroach on their lives. Tickets may be purchased through The Hanover's box office at (508) 831-0800. The musical, which opened in 1964 and won nine Tony Awards, remains one of Broadway's longest-running shows.

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## Saints This Week

### Blessed Mary Elisabeth Hesselblad

Mary Elisabeth Hesselblad was born in 1870 to a devout Lutheran family in Sweden, where Bible reading was a part of everyday life. At an early age, she pondered what was the "one flock" referred to in John's Gospel (John 10:16). She found no easy answer, but she continued thinking about what the "one flock" could mean.

When she was 18, she emigrated to the United States and became a nurse in New York City. She continued worshipping at a local Lutheran church, but she continued exploring where God wanted her to be. One of her patients was a nun, who told her about what the Catholic Church teaches, and it sparked her curiosity, but she was loyal to her Lutheran roots. In 1900, when she was 30, she returned to Europe to visit her family. While there, she went to Brussels, Belgium, coincidentally the day of the Corpus Christi procession. She had a profound spiritual experience as the monstrence passed by and shortly thereafter she became a Catholic.

Her ardent desire was the unity of all Christians, and that was the theme of her work for the next 57 years. She studied the writings of the great Swedish mystic St. Bridget (1303-1373), a wife and mother of eight who founded an order of nuns after her husband's death. The Order of Our Savior, as it was called, had spread throughout northern Europe after her death, but most convents were suppressed at the time of the Protestant Reformation. The few convents left were in Germany, the Netherlands and Spain and were cloistered communities. Mary Elisabeth believed that St. Bridget's intention, based on her writings, was that her foundation be one of active charity. Mary Elisabeth founded a convent at Vadsena, Sweden, in 1911, nearly 400 years after the original convent was closed by the Swedish government.



The Order of Our Savior (or "Bridgettines," as they are commonly called) became one of the first Catholic groups that worked for the unity of Christians. At the time, ecumenical activity was looked on with suspicion by many officials in the Catholic Church, but Mary Elisabeth persisted in her vocation, opening her convents for interfaith retreats, workshops and discussion groups. Blessed Mary Elisabeth did not live to see the Second Vatican Council and a shift in attitude by the Church toward ecumenical dialogue. She died on April 24, 1957, but her work laid the foundation for the Catholic ecumenical movement.

**Blessed Mary Elisabeth's feast is this week FRIDAY, APRIL 24.**

*Am I knowledgeable about my faith? Do I respectfully share my beliefs with other Christians?*

### Discerning A Vocation?

**Interested In The Diocesan Priesthood As A Vocation? For more inquiries and applications please contact Father James Mazzone, Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies, 51 Illinois St., Worcester MA 01610, 508-340-5788 or email: [jmazzone@charter.net](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net).**

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