

# Saint Cecilia Church

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**April 26, 2015 - Fourth 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:

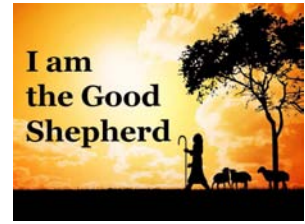
Couple should contact the rectory at least one year in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

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 25</b>	<b>Vigil Masses</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 264</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		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 268</b>
6:30 a.m.	Leo Caissie (11th anniv.) by his wife & family		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>St. Peter Chanel, Priest &amp; Martyr</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 269</b>
6:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Rheault family by last will		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 271</b>
6:30 a.m.	Joseph Ouellette by Claire Cote		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>St. Pius V, Pope</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 273</b>
6:30 a.m.	Marie-Therese Morin by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Girardin		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>St. Joseph the Worker</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 275</b>
6:30 a.m.	Aurele Legere by Lillian Bernard		
1:30 p.m.	Mass at LaPierre East in the Community Room		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>St. Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 277</b>
6:30 a.m.	Robert F. Dube, Sr. by wife & family		
		<b><u>Vigil Masses</u></b>	<b><u>Mass on pg. 45</u></b>
4:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish		
6:30 p.m.	Jeannette Roberts (1st anniv.) by her family		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Mass on pg. 45</b>
7:00 a.m.	Lillian G. Bernard by Tom Allain		
9:45 a.m.	Alina Goguen (15th anniv.) by her children		
11:15 a.m.	Emile Gould (36th anniv.) by Gerald C. McDonald & family		



## Eucharistic Ministers

Any Eucharistic Ministers who are already trained are asked to consider expanding their ministry. We need more and more Ministers to bring Communion once a week to homebound parishioners. If anyone has about half an hour per week to expand their ministry, please contact Fr. Bob.

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

Dear Friends,

One of the most beautiful and comforting images of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd. Even though the pictures of a perfectly white flock of sheep gathered around the feet of Jesus are unrealistic (sheep can be pretty muddy and they are among the stupidest creatures God ever bothered to create), still it has a powerful hold on us. All of us, no matter what our station in life, need someone to lean on, someone whose advice and leadership we can always depend on.

Sometimes we hear of priests being referred to as the "shepherd" of their "flock." The sentiment is well meaning but it is wrong. There is only one Good Shepherd – Jesus Christ. We are all the members of His flock. I remember being told in the seminary that a more accurate terminology for the pastor is the sheepdog of the Good Shepherd. The sheepdog runs around in circles, never really sure of what the plan is, but knowing that if everyone is going in the same direction, if we are all headed toward the path of Jesus, then he is doing a good job.

Beginning last week, every week during the Prayers of the Faithful until June, we pray by name for each of the eight new priests to be ordained for ministry in the Diocese. Please pray for priests. May the honor and dignity of being a priest of Jesus Christ not go to our heads. May we never be self-centered priests. If we boast of anything, may it be that we have been privileged to be counted among the sheepdogs of the Good Shepherd, Christ the Lord.

God bless you all,

Father Bob Brusco



**St. Cecilia's Parish Electronic Recycling Day**

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

Accepting all electronics to include monitors, computers, computer games, stereo equipment, copy and fax machines, printers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, TV's, any item that has a plug. We are also accepting any appliances, such as AC's, washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators as well as lawn mowers, snow blowers with the gas removed, exercise equipment and grills.

The recycle event will have low fees of \$5 each computer, \$10 any monitor or small TV less than 19", \$15 each TV between 19" and 26" and \$20 each TV over 26" wide and wood console TV's, projection TV's \$25 each TV 32" and over \$30. Any appliance are \$10 each large refrigerators \$25.

Any cell phones, bikes, car and truck batteries are free. zero landfill.

Please bring any unwanted bikes new or old any condition to parking lot to be reused again.



Any question [J.wood36@yahoo.com](mailto:J.wood36@yahoo.com)

**Last Week's Stewardship Collection was \$ 6,798.50.  
Thank You Very Much!!**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." (John 10:14-16) When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants you to do? How do you listen for the response? The answer is usually in "quiet whispers". Take time in silent, daily prayer to hear His answer.

**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.*

**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.

If you are aware of any families that are in need of assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 978-549-9982.

The Vocation Team of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is sponsoring a

**Day of Prayer for Women at Presentation Convent, 99 Church St., Leominster on Saturday, May 9.**



Sr. Maria Lopez, PBVM will be the presenter. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments and will end by 3 p.m. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing. Lunch will be included. Free will offerings are accepted. In an effort to assist those less fortunate, we invite each participant to bring baby food/supplies for St. Leo's St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

To register please contact one of the following: Sr. Mary Anne Selliga 978-537-7108 or Sr. Maureen Hickey 978-790-0056.

**Welcome!**



In a spirit of joyful hope we welcome **Rosalie Marie Babineau** into our parish family by baptism as she begins her life of faith here within our parish community.



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

**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 **until Saturday, May 2nd**. 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 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.



Please pray for all our home-bound parishioners, those who are in nursing homes or assisted living residences, and our brave men and women in the military.

**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.*

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**L'chaim! 'Fiddler on the Roof'**  
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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.



## Saints This Week

### Blessed Marie de l'Incarnation

Marie Guyard was born in Tours, France in 1599 and married Claude Martin in 1616. They had one son, also named Claude. Her husband died the next year. In 1633, after young Claude had begun studying at a Benedictine monastery (he ultimately became a Benedictine monk), Marie entered the Ursuline convent in Tours, taking the name Marie de l'Incarnation.

Although New France (Quebec) was ruled by France for nearly a hundred years by this time, the European presence consisted mostly of fish drying beds, fur trading posts and missions. The city of Quebec wasn't established until 1608 and even then it was an all-male military post, until Louis and Marie Hebert with their three children, five cows and crates of poultry arrived in 1617 to establish a farm. Soon other families joined them.

Marie de l'Incarnation, in her cloister in Tours, realized that if there were children, they needed a school. With permission of her superior, she and another Sister founded the Ursuline Academy in Quebec in 1639. Most of her students were Indian girls and she educated French and Indian girls together. She did a much better job educating girls than the Jesuits did with Indian boys, because she learned their languages. She wrote dictionaries in Iroquois, Algonquin and Huron. The community grew with vocations from young women of both French and Indian backgrounds.

In spite of a very busy life as a teacher and an administrator, often on a shoe-string budget, she had a deep and profound spiritual life, which we know of through her letters to her son. She wrote, "God has never led me by a feeling of fear, but always by a spirit of love and trust."



Marie de l'Incarnation died in Quebec on April 30, 1672, but her work continues. In 1697, another school was opened in Trois-Rivieres and the schools spread throughout Quebec but also throughout North America. Ursuline Academy was founded in New Orleans, then French territory, in 1727, which is the first girls' school in what is now the United States, as well as the oldest Catholic school. Other schools were established in Boston (Charlestown) in 1824, Galveston, Texas in 1849, and the Ursulines began working on Indian reservations in Montana in 1893. Today the Ursuline Academy in Quebec has over 400 students and there is another school in suburban Loretteville.

Blessed Marie is called the Mother of the Church in Canada, but she could equally be called the Mother of Catholic Education in North America.

*Do I follow the Lord in fear or in love and trust?*

**Blessed Marie de l'Incarnation's feast is THURSDAY, APRIL 30.**

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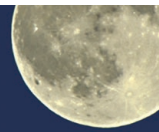
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