

SAINT CECILIA PARISH



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:00 PM John M. Salerno, req. by Don & Sophie Davenport

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Kenneth Roberts, req. by Corinne Roberts
9:30 AM Thomas Cosenzi (1st Anniversary), req. by the Parish Community of St. Cecilia
11:00 AM Victor Girard & Joseph & Louise Masztal, req. by the Girard Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA – LABOR DAY

9:00 AM Deceased Members of St. Cecilia Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM John Leone, req. by Donna & Jamie Leone

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM Harold Talbot, Jr., req. by his Wife

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM Robert Bergeron (2nd Anniversary), req. by his sister, Maureen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Roland Minnie, req. by his Wife & Daughter

4:00 PM **WEDDING:**
Daniel Shattuck & Meaghan Peters

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00 PM Raymond Ethier (Birthday Remembrance), req. by his daughter, LuAnn Trigo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Marina Vargas, req. by her Family
9:30 AM Mary Irla (Birthday Remembrance), req. by her Husband & Children
11:00 AM In Celebration for Andy, req. by his Family



We welcome into our Community through the waters of Baptism: **Lila Grace Kowalski, Ella Grace Libiszewski, Mia Ann Libiszewski, and Patrick John O'Toole.**



First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

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Your prayers are requested for **Mark Blanchard (son of Jean Blanchard) and Richard Blanchard (father of Ann Yenian)** who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and grant consolation and peace to their families.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The collection for the weekend of
August 29, 2010

\$13,849.00 – Weekly Envelopes
\$3,528.00 – Youth Ministry
\$2,655.00 – August Capital Improvements

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The **ANNUAL FALL MUM SALE** to benefit **ACTS**, a faith-based inner-city tutoring service, will take place on Saturday, September 18 in the parking area in front of Wilbraham United Church from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Unlike in past years, St. Cecilia parishioners will not be able to place pre-orders for mums in the Rotunda after Masses. If you are interested in pre-ordering mums, please contact Steve Lewis (596-3968), ACTS Board member, for pick-up at Wilbraham United on Saturday, September 18. Deliveries are also available. ACTS is celebrating its 25th year of providing free tutoring services at eight (8) church sponsored sites throughout Springfield. Last year nearly 80 adult tutors were matched with 80 elementary grade level students for one-on-one mentoring. Tutors are needed for the upcoming school year. Additional information about the Mum Sale and about being a tutor can be obtained from Steve Lewis.

Labor Day recognizes the hard work we put into our jobs. A **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** will turn the work of marriage into fun and romance! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 17-19, September 24-26 and October 22-24. For more information, additional dates and to register, call 800-710-WWME or visit www.wwmeMA.org.



The next collection of food for the **COMMUNITY SURVIVAL CENTER** will be next weekend. The Center is currently in need of canned vegetables, fruit or meat, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal, soup, peanut butter and instant potatoes. Please support our HOPE Ministry by helping our neighbors.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY The Granby Church of Christ First Annual Steeple Run/Walk

Join us on Saturday, September 11 at 10:00 AM (check in begins at 9:00 AM) for a 4 mile run/walk. The event starts at the Granby Church of Christ and ends at the Town Common. Prizes will be given to 1st place finishers in each age group and overall male/female runners. An Agricultural Fair will be held on the Common that morning with a farmer's market, pony rides, hay rides, tractor show and a food booth. Music will be provided from Noon-2:00 PM. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Rotunda. Contact Alli Holmberg (413-467-3393 or maholmberg@comcast.net) for more information.




Mark Your Calendar! The 4TH **ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT** will take place here on Saturday, October 9 from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. Dr. Joan Kelly will be the guest speaker. Dr.

Kelly currently teaches at the graduate level at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT and is an adjunct professor at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT. She received the Papal Cross from Pope John Paul II for her service to the Church and outstanding performance as a teacher of theology. The theme for the retreat will be: "*The Catholic Woman: Called and Gifted.*" Join us for a rosary at 8:00 AM, followed by Mass at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be included in the \$20 donation. More information about registration will be in upcoming bulletins.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED after all the Masses to occasionally help with sales at our *Shopping/Gift Card* table. Volunteers **do not** have to approach parishioners to make sales. Instead, they manage the table and assist those who stop by to make a purchase. Training will be provided. Contact John Gilbertie (596-4983) for more information or to volunteer. All profits from the shopping card sales support our *HOPE Ministry* programs.



The annual **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA** collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution directly benefits students attending Catholic University from all over the U.S. including our Diocese by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Thank you for your continued generosity.



**HOPE at HOME
Ministry**

Need **TEMPORARY** financial help?

We will assist with food, shelter, medical or utilities.

Contact:
Father Soranno
596-4232, x102

St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club

Please join us for our first meeting Tuesday evening, September 7. The Liturgy is at 7:00 PM at which we will honor our 25 year members and past presidents. Our Membership Tea will follow in the Parish Center. We are looking forward to seeing you, welcoming new members, catching up on summer happenings, and enjoying some delicious desserts.



A reminder that the *Bowling League* will be starting soon! Please call Gloria Gallagher (596-6879) if you are interested in joining or for further information regarding day, time, place, etc.



The *Knights of Columbus of St. Cecilia Council* will hold its **ANNUAL SOCCER CHALLENGE** for boys and girls ages 10-14 on Sunday, September 12 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Hugh Harrell Field at Wilbraham Monson Academy on Mountain Road. Participation is free and trophies will be awarded. Contact Edmond Etti (413-267-5645) for more information.

DIVORCED AND BEYOND

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 1023 Parker Street in Springfield is offering a ten-week program for people who are already divorced or have filed for divorce. It examines what happens to most husbands and wives going through the breakup of their marriage. It helps participants understand what they are going through and that others have gone through the same things. Finally, it suggests activities for making divorce a growth experience. The program asks that you commit yourself to all the sessions. You and other participants will share insights you gain from reflecting on your experiences and the reading material and exercises. All the sessions will be on held on Mondays and will begin on Monday, September 13 and continue for 10 weeks, ending on Monday, November 29. (There will be no session on October 11 or November 1). The sessions will be held in the Fr. Griffin Room from 6:30-8:30 PM. The fee is \$10 (for the cost of the book). This program is limited to 12 persons only. To register, call Sr. Mary Petisce, SSJ (783-8619).



The **WILBRAHAM MIXED CHORUS** will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 13 from 7:00-9:00 PM at Minnechaug Regional High School. New members who have a love of music are most welcome! Please call Luanna Saunders (599-1824) with questions.



ST. CECILIA SENIOR CONNECTION

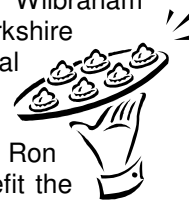
It's Welcome Back Time! If you did not receive a membership schedule in the mail, registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Rotunda. We invite new members to join our wonderful club.

- Date:** Thursday, September 16
- Time/Location:** 11:30 AM in the Parish Center
- Guest Speaker:** Gerry Dearden will bring her friend "Doe" and together they will entertain us through lip syncers. We are told they both will bring much laughter for us to enjoy.
- Meal:** Chicken Francais, Garden Salad, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley and Strawberry Shortcake
- Cost:** \$10

*Please make checks payable to: *St. Cecilia Senior Connection* and mail in or place into the collection basket by Monday, September 13.



The Knight of Columbus will be holding a **WINE & BEER TASTING & CASINO EVENING** on Friday, September 24 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. There will be casino-style gambling, live entertainment and a silent auction. The wine will be provided by Wilbraham Wine & Spirits; beers by Opa Opa & Berkshire Brewing; and signature dishes by local area restaurants. Cost is \$30 per person and may be purchased by calling Dave Graziano (599-4898) or Ron Hale (596-6554). All proceeds will benefit the various KOC charities.



The **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA WOMEN'S GUILD** will hold its *Kickoff Meeting* on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Center. There will be a slide show and presentation about Haiti before and after the earthquake given by John Gilbertie. The event is free and refreshments will be served.

LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Novena Mass will be held at 9:00 AM.
- The Parish Office will be closed.

Where there is hatred let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith.

St. Francis of Assisi