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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

20TH ~ Mon 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
21ST ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
22ND ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
24TH ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Roy Attocchi
25TH ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Michael DiCosola
25TH ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
26TH ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Darlene Letko
26TH ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Robert Drzewiecki

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1 ~ 3PM**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 25 ~ 26, 2018

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Suzanne Herrmann
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: C. Davidson, C. Badowski, J. Juarez
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: D. Shrall, D. Thornton, J. Vorst, S. Davidson

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Bridget Helms
Altar Servers: Emma Helms & Valarie Tyrka
E. Ministers: B. Kovach, D. Takacs, D. Opolski
Gift Bearers: Joe & Donna Dolniak
Ushers: A. Helms, A.J. Helms, J. Dolniak, J. Wyrobek

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Paul Carlson
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: Jerri Taborski & Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Greg & Peggy Mitchelin
Ushers: T. Burke, G. Vahl, D. Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk:

Do you really and truly believe in the *Real Presence* of Christ in the Eucharist? Sadly, there is a growing number of Catholics who do not, especially among the younger generation. This weekend's gospel reading offers us an opportunity to reaffirm our own faith in the "*Real Presence*". In this reading, we hear Jesus promise that "*whoever eats this bread will live forever*". In a culture that is obsessed with putting off death and extending the appearance of youth, one would think that such a promise would indeed be good news.

The first reading from the Book of Proverbs sets the tone for our faith in the *Real Presence*. God's divine wisdom is personified as a woman who is lavish in preparing food and drink and invites others to come and enjoy what she has prepared. In the New Testament, this image of a banquet becomes a metaphor for the gift of salvation that God offers to us in Jesus Christ.

The selection that we hear from Paul's letter continues this theme of wisdom, and he cautions us to choose wisely. The wisdom of the world is a dead-end street. The wisdom of the Holy Spirit, on the other hand, is our reason for giving thanks. We should be SO thankful for this wisdom which gives ultimate meaning to our lives.

Giving thanks is what the word Eucharist means in Greek. In John's Gospel, Jesus is the Word made flesh. We are grateful that Jesus becomes one of us and shares our human life. His words and deeds are real food for living a meaningful life. Jesus guarantees his abiding presence when he promises: "*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*"

A beautiful sign for all this is lay people serving Communion at Mass. It is a sign of the calling that both clergy and lay people have to bring Jesus to the world. As God gives us life in Jesus Christ, so we are to give life by making our faith active in the world. When we fail to do this, we lessen the credibility of what we say we believe. Perhaps faith in the *Real Presence* is weakening because some of us fail to live out our own participation in that mystery. "*Be careful how you live*", says Saint Paul – a word to the wise that is still timely.

Those who wish to live forever (i.e. all of us) would do well to acknowledge the truth of Jesus' words, and to eat his flesh and drink his blood, and to do so worthily. Then, we will have life because of him. Sadly, when children stop believing in Santa, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy, it is too easy for them to believe Jesus and the Eucharist to also a fairy tale. The Jews asked, "*how can this man give us his flesh to eat?*" The answer is simple yet profound – because he is God, because God is good, and because God is love.

My door is always open, and you are always welcome.

Fr. Dennis

WOULD YOU LIKE TO AID IN THE MASS AS A LITURGICAL MINISTER?

(Ushers, Gift Bearers, Lectors,
Altar Servers, & Eucharistic Ministers)

Please contact Fr Dennis, or call the office.

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Do you have religious articles you don't want,
but just don't know what to do with?
There is a basket in the vestibule where you
may leave them to be recycled ~
And if you find one in the basket you would like,
feel free to take it along with you.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH 40TH BIRTHDAY

Celebration T-Shirts are on display in the vestibule
along with order forms. Shirts are \$20. for adult and
child sizes. Payment is due at the time of order.

*This is your last chance to get one, as
Orders will be taken until August 19th. (Today!)*

CHURCH CLEANING

Please join us to clean the church every Tuesday
at 9:00AM. Coffee & Donuts are served afterwards.

LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

If you need a copy of last week's bulletin,
they can be found on the shelf in the vestibule,
Or on our website, www.stceciliademotte.org

SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTES?



WANT TO STAY INFORMED?
JOIN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SIGNED-UP
BY GOING ON TO FLOCKNOTE.COM, OR
SEE THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD, OR
CALL THE OFFICE.

**HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL,
BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER & PETITION,
WITH THANKSGIVING, MAKE YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.
THEN THE PEACE OF GOD THAT SURPASSES ALL
UNDERSTANDING WILL GUARD YOUR HEART & MIND
IN CHRIST JESUS.**

Need Prayer Intentions?

Parishioners of St Cecilia will pray for you and
your special intentions.
Call Gen Mestrich 956-3020
You do not have to give your name.
Call Gen if you can help with the prayer line.



Registration for this term's CCD Classes
will be on the weekends of
Aug 18/19 and 25/26
Saturdays after 5PM/prior to 7:30PM
Sundays after 8:30 & 11:00 Masses
The tuition is
\$60 for 1child; \$70 for 2 children;
And a maximum of \$80 for 3+ children
Classes start on September 9th

**CATECHISTS ... THERE WILL BE A MEETING
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH AT 6:30 PM
IN THE CRYING ANGELS ROOM**

ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP DOHERTY

All married couples of the diocese celebrating significant
marriage anniversaries in 2018 are invited to attend a
special Mass on Sunday, September 16, at the
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
in Lafayette to celebrate their years of Christian Marriage.

During the liturgy, Bishop Doherty will offer a special
anniversary blessing. The Anniversary Mass will begin at
2:30pm (EDT) and will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

Immediately following Mass, Bishop Doherty will greet
couples at a reception of light refreshments.

To assist in preparation, please register with the
Office of Divine Worship online at
www.dol-in.org/AnniversaryMass
or by contacting Sandra Santucci at
ssantucci@dol-in.org or 765-269-4660



WE ARE REACHING FOR A THIRD MILLION POP TABS!

And we are close....
Remember to save them this summer &
Please Keep the Pop Tabs coming



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See what is happening here at church
And check our website,
stceciliademotte.org



PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,371.50 Loose Cash: \$229.75
Building Fund \$965.00 Children's Envelopes: \$4.00
Church in Africa: \$62.00 Candle Monies: \$50.50
TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 4,682.75