

SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

18th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - The Faker family
19th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
20th ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
22nd ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
23rd ~ Sat 5:00 PM - S. Schill, R. Clark,
and A. Antkowiak
23rd ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
24th ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Kelly Glivar
24th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

THERE WILL BE NO RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 23 ~ 24, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Carl Martikean
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: C. Badowski, L. Winter, J. Juarez
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: D. Shrall, D. Thornton, C. Fox, D. Medsker

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Faith Formation, Grade 9
Altar Servers: Kim Wyrobek & Alyanna Walsh
E. Ministers: D. Opolski, B. Kovach, D. Takacs
Gift Bearers: Faith Formation, Grade 1
Ushers: Faith Formation, Grade 9

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: MaryBeth Misiak
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: MaryBeth Misiak & Jerri Taborski
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: T. Burke, M. Misiak, D. Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk:

Most of us live with some form of financial debt these days. It might be the mortgage or the car payment. Perhaps there are student loans that paid for our or our children's educations. We're used to debt and we're used to getting statements reminding us to pay our debts. Of course, one of the great fears we have is that there may be circumstances in which we're not able to repay what we owe.

Imagine, then, going to your mailbox and getting a note telling you that all your debts have been paid. In fact, they have been paid in full. My guess is that our first reaction would be, "Wow!" then, after a few moments, being the wise and worldly people that we are, we might wonder, "So, where's the catch?"

Think about that in light of today's Gospel, in which the servant's huge, un-payable debt is kindly and fully forgiven by the king. While the servant seems to leave with a sense of relief, what he does not clearly understand is that there is a catch to all this. He, the servant, must forgive the debts of others, as he, the servant, has been forgiven by the gracious king. And that's the catch for all of us: realizing that in his great mercy, God has forgiven our sins, and thus we are called to be a people of forgiveness to others.

I know it can be uncomfortable to focus on our sinfulness. We know it's there, but we much prefer to focus on the good in ourselves. And yet every now and again, we have to stop and think about the reality that we do, in fact, sin. At the very beginning of the Mass, we acknowledge this reality as we ask for God's mercy and forgiveness in the Penitential Rite. We realize that Jesus' mercy is amazing, and in that realization, we come to know not only that we are forgiven, but that we must be generous in forgiving others.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the breadth of the forgiveness that we are called to offer. We are called to forgive not just once, and not just seven times. We are called to forgive seventy-seven times – we are called to forgive overwhelmingly, just as the king forgives the servant in the parable, just as God forgives each of us.

Jesus leads the way in this, forgiving the woman caught in adultery, forgiving Thomas in his doubting and forgiving Peter for denying him three times. Jesus forgives us. How different would our world be if we practiced this kind of forgiveness constantly?

The Eucharist we celebrate every time we come to Mass, is the first sacrament of forgiveness. In it, we acknowledge our debts and through it we receive the Lord's own gift of forgiveness. In the Eucharist, we come to know that we are forgiven so we can go out into the world and be generous in loving and forgiving others.

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

Fr. Dennis



HOLY CROSS MISSION

Thank you to everyone for your
Generous donations to help support the
Holy Cross Mission Center in their work

LADIES' SODALITY

September 19th (Tues) We will be meeting at
9:30AM in the church hall.
Election of officers will be held.

PARISH COUNCIL

Will be meeting Wed, September 20th at 7 PM
in the Crying Angels Room

To all parishioners of St. Cecilia:

St. Cecilia is in dire need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Offertory and Choir members to fill vacancies that have occurred. We request your assistance in filling these spots. The work is fun, easy, does not take up any extra time, fills a vital need of the church and is very rewarding. Please volunteer by contacting me in person or at 987-3511.

For those who desire to contribute even more to the parish and community, the Knights of Columbus, Men's Club and Ladies Sodality are always welcoming to new members. These are excellent opportunities for all, especially the recently Confirmed, to continue to grow in the teachings of the church. Contact me if you do not have a contact for the specific organization. Thank you.

Father Dennis

Medical Mission Donations

At the end of October, a group of medical professionals (doctors, nurses, technicians) from Porter County Hospital are going on a medical mission to Guatemala. This Porter County Hospital medical team has requested that we ask for donations of medical supplies. (A list of those supplies is posted on the bulletin board in our vestibule.)

If you would like to donate unused medical supplies, please check the our bulletin board first, and then bring in the supplies to the rectory or sacristy. The point of contact for additional information is Barbara Attocchi at 956-2335.

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.



Sept 24... CCD Mass (All Classes) Kindergarten through grade 10 are asked to be in the hall no later than 8:15AM, to begin the joyful celebration of Mass with their classmates and Catechist. Grade 9 will be in charge of the readings, and ushering; Grade 1 will be in charge of the gifts. Parents are asked to please promote this outreach.

Sunday, Sept 24th is also Catechetical Sunday. And there will be a Catechist's Meeting that day Following Faith Formation Classes

There is a meeting for the parents & students of those in the **1st Reconciliation Class** SUNDAY, October 1, at 9:35AM in the church. All parents need to attend this mandatory meeting.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASS:

Join us after Sunday morning 8:30 Mass for a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the hall during Religious Education classes.

PUMPKIN ROLLS

The Ladies' Sodality will once again be making delicious Pumpkin Rolls.

This year we will be taking orders beginning next weekend, the cost is still \$12.

There will be forms in the vestibule, or you may call Debra (682.4674) or Deb (688-1446) to order. We are making a maximum of 100 rolls this year, Order yours, so you are sure to get one!



**WE ARE REACHING FOR
A THIRD MILLION POP TABS!**
And have a goal of collecting them
By the close of the CCD term in May
So Please Keep the Pop Tabs coming



& Drop It

ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP DOHERTY

Celebrate Christian marriage with Bishop Doherty at the Cathedral on Sunday, Sept. 24th, at 2:30PM (EDT). A reception with the Bishop will follow. To register call Charlene Kuhn at 765-269-4677 or online at divineworship@dol-in.org

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$4,298.50 Loose Cash: \$231.00
Building Fund: \$145.00 Children's Envelopes: \$4.55
Assumption of Mary: \$30.00 Church in Africa: \$30.00
Hurricane Relief: \$266.00 Candle Monies: \$72.38
Holy Cross Mission: \$1,785.59

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 6,863.02