

# ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am

**Church Office Hours:** Mon - Fri: 9-3 (Lunch 12-12:30)

Inclement weather delay/closing follows Suffolk Public Schools

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00pm or by appointment

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office to make arrangements and to register for the parent baptismal preparation class

**Marriage:** Please contact parish office six months prior to the wedding. Engaged encounter or area Pre-Marital instruction normally required

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## ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION VISION STATEMENT

A vibrant Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Gospel by living our rich faith with prayer, love, and service





# ST. MARY OF THE



## PRESENTATION



**NOVEMBER 15, 2020**  
**THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mon	11/16	Weekday	Lk 18:35-43
Tue	11/17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Lk 19:1-10
Wed	11/18	Weekday	Lk 19:11-28
Thu	11/19	Weekday	LK 19:41-44
Fri	11/20	Weekday	Lk 19:45-48
Sat	11/21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Lk 20:27-40
Sun	11/22	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Mt 25:31-46

### Please pray for our sick and shut-ins of the Parish:

Dan Anglim, Inga Barrett, Mindy Cintron, Dot Crutchlow, Shirley DeBarnard, John Dowd, Jerry, Mille and Danny Ginther, Tom Grzywinski, Rose Hoover, Lydia Kee, Edna Mustin, Curtis Mehalko, Shirley Mutter, Jean Petrucci, Samantha Quinn, Fran Ross, Don Schwab, Gretchen Shaw, Ruth Silberholz, Mary Stevens, Howard Thomson, Joe Questore, George Warren

### Friends, Family & Priests of the Diocese:

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### Active Duty Military Family and Friends Serving in

#### Iraq and Afghanistan:

Chris LeGrand, Nathan LeGrand, Devin Pisani, David Sjostedt

## MASS INTENTIONS

11/16/2020 — OPEN  
11/17/2020 — OPEN  
11/18/2020 — OPEN  
11/19/2020 — OPEN  
11/20/2020 — Donna Roncarti  
11/21/2020 — Amanda Legrand  
11/22/2020 — For the People



Mass Intentions – The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth, Pray for your loved ones in a special way, united to The Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office @ 757-539-5732 for your Mass intention requests.

### Mass Schedule: November 16-22, 2020

Tuesday—Friday : 10:00 am  
Reconciliation: 4pm  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm  
Sunday Mass: 10am

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



- *First Friday* of the Month following the 10am Mass

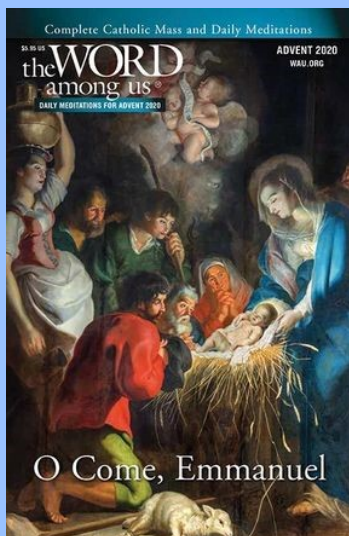
<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>11/7-11/8 2020</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Regular Offertory	\$5,036.00	\$56,740.00
E-Giving	\$361.00	\$17,371.00
Capital Improvement	\$410.00	\$3,783.00
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Haiti Student*	\$500.00	\$1,645.00
Religious Education		\$1,034.00
Liturgy Donations		\$210.00
Word Among Us	\$6.00	\$206.00
All Saints	\$716.00	\$1,191.00
Bulletin Ads	\$500.00	\$1,020.00
Flowers	\$50.00	\$50.00
Human Development*	\$40.00	\$40.00
Military Service*	\$32.00	\$32.00
Retired Religious		\$197.00
World Mission*	\$20.00	\$160.00
Kissell Family Collection *	\$50.00	\$1,605.00
Total Collection (*No Included)	\$7,079.00	\$80,259.00
Budget	\$5,250.00	\$94,500.00
<i>Net Income/Loss</i>	<i>-\$1,829.00</i>	<i>-\$14,253.00</i>



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You can drop off your donation at our church during mass times or the parish office during office hours.

The Advent Coat Drive ends

December 13, 2020



give the gift of warmth!



# Saints of the Week

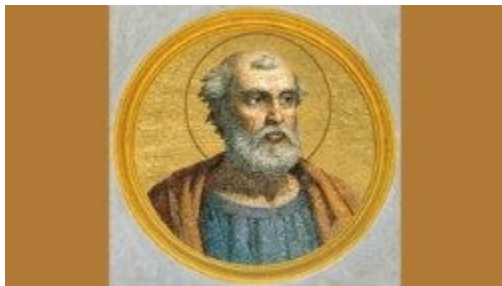


## St. Elisabeth of Hungary, Franciscan Tertiary

When she died at the early age of 24, Elizabeth of Hungary was already considered a saint by many. Widowed at a young age, Elizabeth became a Third Order Franciscan. Despite her noble birth, she embraced Franciscan poverty, assisted the poor, and ministered to the sick.

## St. Matilda (Mechtilde), Virgin

A Saxon by birth, Mechtilde became a nun at the Benedictine Monastery of Rodersdorf. She later moved to the monastery at Helfta, where she was known for her humility and kindness. In addition to directing the choir, Mechtilde had frequent visions, which were collected in the Book of Special Graces.



## St. Gelasius I, Pope

St. Gelasius became Pope in 496, and during his four-year reign fought against paganism and heresy, writing treatises against Manichaeism, Monophysitism, and Pelagianism, among others. Some of his principles in ecclesiastical matters were taken up by the Second Vatican Council.

## St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr in the Cemetery of Callistus

Tradition has it that Cecilia, a noble Roman girl, was martyred around the year AD 230, during the reign of Alexander Severus and the papacy of Urban I. Her cult is very ancient: the Basilica named after her in Rome's Trastevere quarter, was first erected before the Edict of Constantine (AD 313) and the feast of her memory was celebrated in 545.



## THE POWER OF LOVE

The tale of her martyrdom is contained in the *Passio Sanctae Caeciliae*, a more literary than historical text, characterized by a strong tendency toward the legendary. According to the *Passio*, Cecilia was betrothed to the patrician, Valerian. On their wedding day, she revealed that she had converted to Christianity and vowed perpetual virginity. Valerian then agreed to be catechized and baptized secretly by Pope Urban I. Shortly afterwards, Valerian's brother Tiburtius embraced the Christian faith. The two brothers were soon arrested by order of the Prefect, Turcius Almachius. After being tortured, they were decapitated with Maximus, the officer who had the task of bringing them to jail, and who, along the way, had himself converted.

## THE FAITH THAT CONQUERS DEATH

Almachius then decides to kill Cecilia but, fearing the repercussions of a public execution given the popularity of the young Christian, after submitting her to summary judgment, orders that she return to her home to be locked in the steam room (which was to be brought to very high temperature), thus staging a death by asphyxiation. After one day and one night, the guards find Cecilia miraculously alive, wrapped in a celestial dew. Almachius then ordered her decapitation, but despite the three violent blows to the neck, the executioner could not sever Cecilia's head. Cecilia died after three days of agony, during which she gave all her belongings to the poor, her home to the Church - and, no longer able to speak - continues to profess her faith in the Triune God, by using her fingers: raising the thumb, forefinger, and middle finger of her right hand (to indicate three Divine Persons) and the index of her left hand (to indicate the one Divine Nature). The sculptor, Stefano Maderno, has famously carved Cecilia in this posture, which he gave to the statue kept under the central altar of the Basilica that bears her name.

## THE GOSPEL OF THE HEART

The Golden Legend, the medieval collection of hagiographic biographies composed in Latin by the Dominican Jacopo da Varagine, in which many narrative elements of the *Passio* are collected, tells that Pope Urban I, with the help of some deacons, interred the virgin martyr's mortal remains in the Catacombs of Saint Callixtus, in a place of honor near the Crypt of the Popes. In 821, Pope Paschal I, a great devotee of Saint Cecilia, invoked as "The virgin Cecilia who always carried the gospel of Christ on her breast," translated the relics to the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Cecilia in Trastevere, which he rebuilt in her honor. On the eve of the Jubilee of 1600, during the Basilica's restoration by Cardinal Paolo Emilio Sfondati, the sarcophagus containing the body of the young Saint - in a marvelously great state of preservation - was found, with the body wrapped in a silk and gold dress.

## MUSIC AND ICONOGRAPHY

An explicit link between Saint Cecilia and music is documented from the late Middle Ages. The reason for the association is traceable, according to some, to an incorrect interpretation of an excerpt from the *Passio*. According to others, to the entrance antiphon on the Mass of her feast day, which reads, "[W]hile the organs played, she sang in her heart only to the Lord." Starting in the second half of the 14th century, in different parts of Europe, Cecilian iconography began to proliferate and enrich itself with musical elements. The Ecstasy of Saint Cecilia, Raffael's masterpiece for the Church of San Giovanni in Monte in Bologna, depicting her with a portable organ in her hand and various musical instruments at her feet, solidified the connexion between the Roman martyr and music, for which she is now invoked and celebrated as the protector of musicians and singers. She was named after the Academy of Music founded in Rome in 1584.



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**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Mon-Tue-Wed-Thu:	6 p.m.	–	9 p.m.
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Saturday:	9 a.m.	–	9 p.m.
Sunday:	Noon	–	6 p.m.





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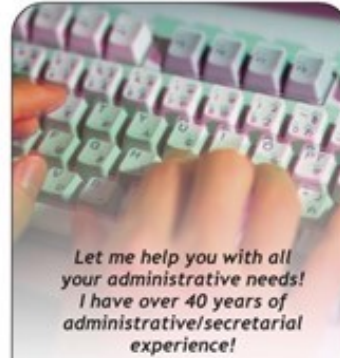


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Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month (except June, July, August)

**6:30PM - Social Hall**

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