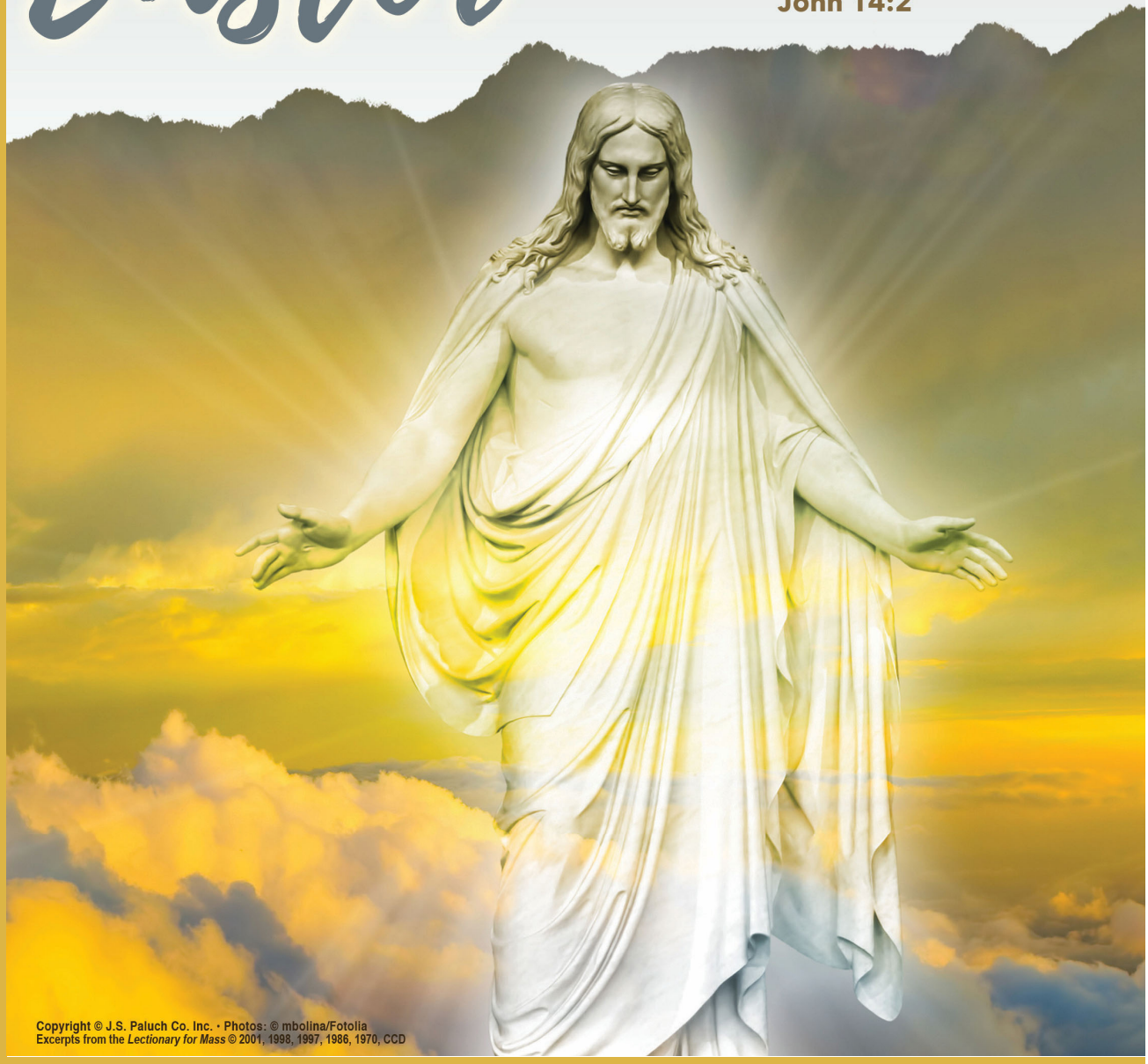
St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Church

May 10
2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF Easter

**JESUS SAID,
"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE
ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES."**

John 14:2



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Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday	7 am—9:15 am
Saturday	8 am—4:30 pm
Sunday	7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm
	Spanish Mass 6:30 pm

Holy Day Mass Times

Weekday Evening before
Vigil Mass 7 pm, day of: 7:00, 9:15 am, 12:05 pm, and 7 pm.

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Confession

Saturday
11:00 am—12:00 pm / 3:15—4:15 pm

Gift Shop

Gift Shop—732-283-1775

Monday—Friday	10:00 am—1:00 pm
Saturday	3:00 pm—6:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am—12:30 pm

Hours may vary, please call before you come.

Registration

To enable us to better serve you, all parishioners are asked to register at the Parish Office. Family members over the age of 18 should register as individuals. To receive a letter of recommendation or character reference you should be registered for at least three months.

Social Ministry Office—732-283-0150

FOOD PANTRY is open for food pick-up **TUESDAYS from 10 AM to 2 PM ONLY**. Call or email stcecelia.socialministry@gmail.com for food requests/appointments for pick-up. OTHER SERVICES provided by the Social Ministry Office.

House Blessing

If you would like to have a home visitation or blessing, please call the Parish Office.

The Sacraments

SPONSOR LETTERS: Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic Marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for all information and to make arrangements.
MARRIAGE: Make arrangements one year in advance of the proposed wedding date. One party must be a parishioner; call the Parish Office.
MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: If any of your loved ones are in need of a priest and need the sacraments, please call the Parish Office at any time. The priests are always on call! Regular communion calls to the sick, aged or homebound should be arranged in advance.

Altar Servers

Children in grades 3 and up are invited join. Contact Ann Cecilia Trinh, Coordinator at the parish office 732-283-2300.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue—Home Visit

If you are interested in having the statue visit your home, please call Carol 732-494-8697.

Education—732-283-2816

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grammar school students are held on Mondays from 5:45 to 7:15 PM at the former St. Cecelia School Building.
R.C.I.A.: If you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or are baptized and want to receive other sacraments, please invite them to join RCIA! Call Deacon Rich at 732-680-1921.

Devotions

CENACLE FOR MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS every Wednesday after 9:15 AM Mass.
NOVENAS to St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after 8 AM Mass on Saturday.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET—Fridays after the 9:15 AM Mass.
2,000 HAIL MARY'S every 2nd Saturday of the month, in the Chapel starting at 7:00 AM.
ADORATION CHAPEL—Daily starting after 7 AM Mass to 4 PM. Please arrive before 4 PM for admittance to church. When you come in the Chapel and the Tabernacle doors are closed, open them. If you are the last one in the Chapel, please close the Tabernacle doors and **shut off the light** (make sure they are completely pressed down).
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—6:00 pm Adoration followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm

Societies/Organizations

LEGION OF MARY—Saturdays—9 AM, Conference Room
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY—The Rosary is prayed before every daily/weekend Mass. The meetings are the 1st Monday after 1st Sunday at 7 PM in the Church Conference Room.
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE— 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM in the Parish Office.
SPIRITUALITY GROUP—Every other Thursday evenings from 7:00—9:00 pm in the Conf. Room. Contact—George Madden 732-634-8031.
YOUNG ADULT ADORATION—Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. Contact Anthony Chin 732-589-4182.

Music Ministry

CLASSICAL CHOIR—Practice Tuesday evenings from September—June at 7:30 PM in the church. Coordinator—Aida Gamboa.
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR—Practice on Tuesday evenings with Classical Choir.

Youth Ministry

The meeting will be held on the first Saturday of every month after the 4:30 pm Mass in the Youth Ministry Room. Coordinator—Break Ministry.

Church Etiquette

Upon entering the church, make the sign of the Cross and bless yourself with Holy Water and genuflect before you sit. Please participate in the singing and responses. **Come to Mass early enough not to disrupt and leave late enough not to insult the Lord.** The Mass does not end until the final song has been completed. Worship reverently enough not to distract. This includes silence in the church and vestibule before Mass. Be mindful to turn off your electronic devices and quietly put the kneelers up and down during the Mass. Dress modestly and appropriately as you would for a special occasion.

Mass Intentions: May 9– May 17

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
VIGIL MASS –5/9
4:30 PM Francis Kizito req, Geraldine Nakawungu

SUNDAY–5/10
7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED OF THE PARISH
9:00 AM *Jeanne Daniele req, Phyllis & John Kraker
*Helen Messina req, Julie & Chris
11:00 AM Marianna Pontoriero & Elisa Guido req, Eleanora Aloe & Family
5:00 PM Ann P. O'Connor & Anna Werner req, O'Connor/Werner Children & Grandchildren

MONDAY–EASTER WEEKDAY–5/11
7:00 AM Joslin, Basil, Vije and Kumar req, Sashya
9:15 AM Roberto Bayoneta req, Joe & Gigi Drust

TUESDAY–STS NEREUS, ARCHILLEUS & PANCRAS–5/12
7:00 AM Angela McCluskey req, Daniel Gisbey
9:15 AM Rodulfo Navarro req, Susan Navarro

WEDNESDAY–OUR LADY OF FATIMA–5/13
7:00 AM Martha Drust req, Joe & Gigi Drust
9:15 AM Emma de Villa req, Valientes Family
2:00 PM Roosevelt—Dec. Members of the Schmitz Family req, Judy Schmitz

THURSDAY–ST. MATTHIAS–5/14
7:00 AM Christine Montoya req, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Vernon & Staff
9:15 AM Francis X. Murray req, Kathy Murray

FRIDAY–ST. ISIDORE–5/15
7:00 AM Christopher Clyne req, Rosemary O'Brien
9:15 AM Catherine Burgoyne req, Barbara Frost & Family

SATURDAY–EASTER WEEKDAY–5/16
8:00 AM Eugene S. Boduck req, Veronica Boduck

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
VIGIL MASS –5/16
4:30 PM Benjamin Vitale req, wife Genevieve

SUNDAY–5/17
7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED OF THE PARISH
9:00 AM *Esperanza Lacsina req, Felipe Lacsina, Jr.
*Loretta Wyzykowski req, Don & Maureen Wyzykowski
11:00 AM Aniela Kuras req, Darek Kumor & Family
5:00 PM Pedro Del Rosario req, Angelita

May 3, 2020		May 5, 2019	
In-pew	$ 5,912.50	In-pew	$ 8,805.50
Faith Direct	$ 2,817.50	Faith Direct	$ 1,709.00
Total	$ 8,730.00	Total	$10,514.50
Catholic Relief 2020		**Catholic Relief 2019**	
In-pew	$ 483.50	In-pew	$ 1,812.50
Faith Direct	$ 0.00	Faith Direct	$ 0.00
Total	$ 483.50	Total	$ 1,812.00

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you all for your generosity during these difficult times. Every donation is crucially needed. I humbly ask, when donating through your envelopes, to place your offering in **each** envelope, for current and future dates. We are trying our best to: break down the single checks received, to make sure each weekly envelope gets credit, and our weekly contributions are a true reflection of what is received. Thank you, and God Bless you all!

Fr. Thomas

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33)

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: What are some ways that you can act like Jesus would if he were in your situation?

Question for Youth: Jesus is "the way, the truth, the life" and he asks us to do as he does. How do you try to follow Jesus' way?

Question for Adults: How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?

Sick Relatives & Friends

Mirabella Parota, Cathy (Napiorski) Harris, Jamie Nestor, Joseph Jonathan Cem, Ryan Michael, Liz Lutomski, Lena Zimbardo, Nicole C. Rossi, Marieta M, Samuel & Rose M., Marina Gomez, Gloria Reichley, Shawn Ekatan, Alberto Batista, Thomas, Amanda & Christine Porcelli, Ligia Riezenman, Kat T., Marilyn Rentko, Robert & Mary Maurer, Raymond Kneckel, Craig Soper, Julia Hilinski, Gail Rezmerski, Howard Chubbuck, Martin & Diane Petrucci, Anita Pintozzi, Ellen Morales, Kayla Chrostowski, Sue Romanosky, John McGuire

In Loving Remembrance

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, asking God to reward them with eternal joy and peace.

From the Desk of Our Pastor…

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ…,

The Gospel passage that we heard today is one of the most comforting gospel passages. I like it so much that I use it for all funerals, Masses and services. Jesus speaks about space and time in today's gospel. He knew his time was limited with his disciples, so he said, "I am going to my Father's house." He knew Earth is not his or disciples final destination. He said, "I'm going to prepare a place for you, and once prepared, I will come back for you." This concept of space and time is so appropriate to meditate on during this time of COVID-19.

Time keeps moving forward. The clock never stops running. Only God knows how much time we have left in the bank. Despite the watches on our wrists and the clocks that adorn our walls, none of us can control time. We cannot rewind or fast forward time. While we may try to "buy time," "waste time," seek "overtime," or ask for a "time out," we all are at the mercy of time. It is never our time; it is God's time. We wonder how much longer we will have to endure this unprecedented time. As much as we want this time to be over, this moment has afforded us all more time. How are you spending your time? After adjusting to this new normal, I find that there is more time for prayer, rest, exercise, and leisure. As frustrating and as inconvenient as this current time is, it nonetheless can be a gift for all of us.

Another concept that is so much more real in this time is space. Has there ever been a time in recent memory when we have been so conscious of our space? We know where we are and where we are not. We also are ever mindful of those who are near us.

We all have observed a new term that has become part of every language across the world — namely, "social distancing." The whole idea here is to keep a "safe distance" to stop the spread of the virus. As successful as social distancing has been, I think we can all appreciate how unnatural it is for us human beings, who are meant to live in community. We are people who are created to bond whether we are in a family, a crowd, at a meeting or in a church. Right now, however, we need to be mindful of our space and trust that this separation from one another is, as they say, a "temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement."

I hope, when everything is over, we should not take a lot of things for granted: a handshake, a hug, a visit to your family and friends, greeting a stranger in public. This time teaches us these that these simple things mean a great deal in our daily life. Let us create a kind heart in us. That will be the best gift we can achieve and give to other people from this pandemic.

Happy Mother's day all you moms!!! Mother's Day is going to be a little different this year. The holiday is usually celebrated with family outings to brunch, spas or family get-togethers in homes—and accompanied by plenty of in-person hugs and kisses. But as the coronavirus pandemic restricts where we can go, and makes social distancing a new norm, many of these traditions will have to be postponed to another year. The restriction doesn't mean we cancel Mother's Day this year.

On the contrary: Younger children may have been seeing even more of their moms than usual this spring, as school cancellations added home schoolteacher to mothers' and fathers' list of duties. Many young adult children who fled big cities to shelter in place back home may find themselves unexpectedly celebrating at mom's house. For older adult children whose parents are in independent or assisted living communities, spending time with mom in person—or bringing the grandkids for a Mother's Day visit—may be entirely out of the question, due to community restrictions. Whatever your situation, there are plenty of opportunities to make this Mother's Day one she'll always remember. Your creativities and efforts are what's going to make this mother's day special.

God Bless You,
Fr. Tom

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima—
Beginning May 4th & Ending May 12th

Most Holy Virgin,
Who has deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion, so that by meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in it, we may gather the fruits and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, and this favor that I so earnestly seek…

(State your request here…)

Which I ask of you in this novena, for the greater glory of God, for your own honor, and for the good of all people.
Amen

(Recite the following prayers…)

3 Our Fathers…, 3 Hail Mary's…, 3 Glory Be…
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Easter Flowers 2020

Special intention of M/M James S. Cecire
In memory of Mary L. Gregor
requested by Mr. Willard J. Gregor

Our Food Pantry is in great need of cereal and toilet paper!

Good and Gentle God,

We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

- Author Unknown

Saint John I, Pope (523-525) and Martyr

"Victim for Christ" -- Feast day: May 18th

A native of Tuscany in Italy, he was elected Pope while still a deacon. The ruler in Italy at the time was an Arian – those who believed that Christ was only human.

Emperor Justin in Constantinople has issued a severe decree against the Arians compelling them among other things to surrender the Catholic Churches they occupied. Theodoric, the King of the Ostrogoths and of Italy, a defender of Arianism, resented these measures and sent Pope John, with other prominent Roman officials, to Constantinople to secure moderation of the decree issued in 323 by Justin. Theodoric threatened reprisals against non-Arians in the West if John should fail in his mission. All the Pope could do was to counsel Justin to use gentleness and discretion toward the Arians. The emperor received Pope John honorably and promised to do everything the embassy requested except restoring to the hierarchy those who returned from Arianism to Catholicism. At that time also the patriarchs of the East manifested their common faith with the Supreme Pontiff.

However seeing progress of mutual understanding between the Latin and Greek Church, Theodoric suspected secret dealings between the Roman senators and the Byzantine courts that could favor re-establishing imperial authority in Italy. So when Pope John returned to Ravenna, Theodoric's capital in Italy, he had John arrested on suspicion of conspiracy with Emperor Justin. He was imprisoned where he died from neglect and ill treatment. His body was transported to Rome where he was buried in the Basilica of St. Peter.

CHURCH SCHEDULE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The Church will be open for personal prayer:

Monday - Friday: 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Live Streaming Schedule

The church will be closed to the faithful during the live streaming broadcast.

Holy Mass
Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am
Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima—Beginning May 4 to May 13
Rosary & Novena at 7:30 pm

To participate in our live streaming or view our recorded videos, please visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube Channel listed below.

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