Saint Cecilia Parish

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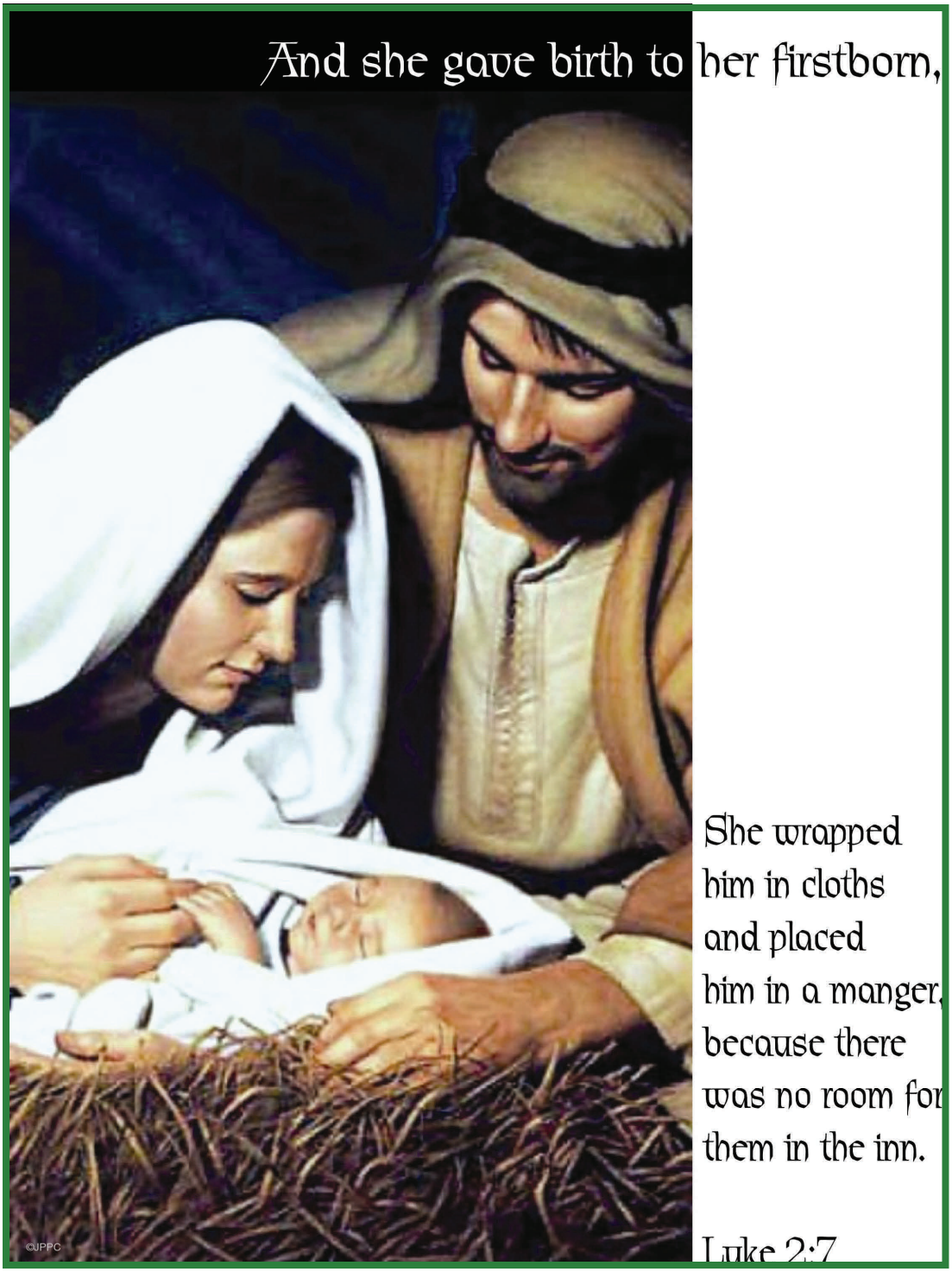


Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, December 21, Advent Weekday, St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am Bill Gallagher r/b wife, Jeanne
John Borris r/b wife, Eleanor

TUESDAY– December 22, Late Advent Weekday
8:00 am Tom Haynes r/b Ann Marie & Bill Hopler

WEDNESDAY–December 23, Late Advent Weekday' St. John of Kanty, Priest
8:00 am John & Margaret Holleran

THURSDAY, December 24, Christmas Eve
4:30 pm
7:00 pm *The Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church*
10:00 pm

FRIDAY– December 25, Christmas Day
8:00 am
10:45 am *The Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church*
12:15 pm

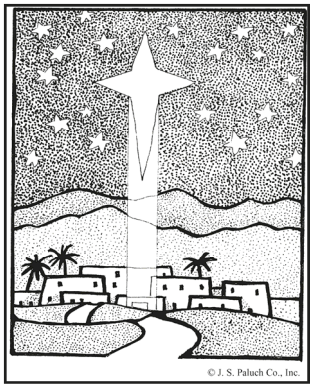
SATURDAY—December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
8:00 am John Whalen r/b wife & family

SUNDAY, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
4:30 pm Geraldine Hancock r/b Her loving Family
Tom Haynes
r/b Susan Brennan & Angela Goritski
7:00 pm Robert & Nancy Parochniak r/b Tanya Nellen
8:00 am Pasquale, Fousto & Guiseppina
r/b Adelina Velocci
John & Josephine Aquino
r/b Sister, Mildred Calella
9:15 am Betty L. McGrath r/b Bertha Falco
Tom Haynes r/b Jeanne Gallagher
10:45am Eileen Sutherland r/b St. Cecilia Seniors
Adeline Annese r/b Margie & Rony Konrad
12:15 pm Katalin Nyari r/b The Michetti Family
James LaFergola, James & Joseph Lucerino
r/b Helen LaFergola

Noel Wadleigh, David Castle, Mason Molde, Joanna Sacco, Pat Klebes, Adaline Maddaloni, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Edward O'Dowd, Elvira Bugaoan, Pat Heady, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Tom Cuskie, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Isabel Rattay, Theodora Maulbeck, Donna Cooke, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Betty Golden, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Scott Bornemann, Rosemary Woodring, Sharon Augenti, Sean Nolan, Peg Norman, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Adam Rosowicz, Madison Rose Leslie, Norman Rodriquez, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, and Frances Finn.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS
2015/2016
Week Ending - December 13, 2015
December 13th, 20th collections will be included in the January 3rd bulletin

THE WORD OF GOD
Here are the readings for next Sunday
1 Samuel 1:20-22 24-28 Psalms 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52



Vincent Calella
Always in My Heart

Wife, Mildred

The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen, Joseph Giannetti US Navy, Lance Corporal Dennis Wuest, SSgt. Zhenya Killeen, Capt. Kelley E. Robbins, Pvt USMC, Diego Usma, Major Glenn E. Martinez, Sgt. Brian Whalen, Capt. Anthony Odierno, Cpl. Kong V. Nguyen, Cpl. Jim Van Valen, LCPL Anthony Eresman, Sgt. Paul J. Willson, PFC Cano Janeth, Sgt. Bob Autrey, Col. William Paliwada, Sgt 1st Class (E7) Sam Colon, PFC Marylyn Rivera-Sachez, Cpl. Edward C. Thompson, Major Kevin M. Nash, Lt. Amy Cronin, Lt. Col. John L. Medeiros, Jr., Sgt. Daniel Healy, Marine Keith Leitner, Sgt. Spencer Lopez, PFC Taryn Kemp, Jeffrey Braunhausen, E7 Joseph Grimsey, Bill Maloney, Greg Bloete, Gian Carlo Bruzzese, Spc. Christopher Little, PFC Brittany Martindell, T4 Matthew Fitzgerald, SA Justin C. White, Matthew & Daniel Rosica, Mark Leonard, Sr. Armn. Ashley Valetta, Sgt. John Wisnofsky, Cpl. T.J. Finn, Sgt. Kristopher Faber, Capt. Vincent Presto, and Airman First Class William Kussler .** We ask God the Father of us all, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces, to bless them in their efforts toward bringing peace and justice to our world. May they be brought back safely to those they love.

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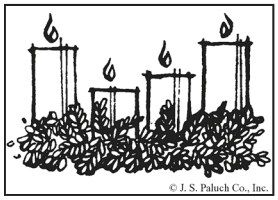
PARISH EVENTS

"Above all else, this is what Christmas bids us to do: give glory to God, for he is good, he is faithful, he is merciful...My hope is that everyone will feel God's closeness, live in his presence, love him and adore him.

~Pope Francis



FR. JAMIE'S MASS SCHEDULE
ST. CECILIA CHURCH

December 25th
10:45 am & 12:15 pm

December 27th
10:45 am & 12:15 pm

January 3rd
8:00 am & 9:15 am

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – On Monday evening, December 21st at 7 o'clock a penance service will be held in the church. Six priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Confession before Christmas is cleansing for the soul.

Religious give thanks. "We cannot begin to replay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "so we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

St., Cecilia Rosary Society ~ St. Monica Guild
Men's Society & Choir
COMBINED CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Sunday, January 3, 2016
TIME: 1:30 pm
WHERE: St. Francis, Pocono Rd., Denville, NJ
COST: $25.00 per person

All reservations must be made by December 28, 2015
See bulletin insert for reservation form.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY – Our parish will sponsor a pilgrimage, May 17-18 (Wednesday-Thursday), to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. The planning of the pilgrimage is being done by the Saint Monica Guild and is open to all parishioners. The cost of the pilgrimage is approximately $200 person. Details regarding departure, schedule of devotions, hotel information, etc. will be forthcoming. We anticipate a full bus for this religious journey during the Holy Year of Mercy. Please call Pat Zayac to make a reservation 973-625-4572.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Christmas Mass Schedule

Sacrament of Penance
Monday, December 21
7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Vigil Masses, Thursday, December 24
4:30 pm Children's Mass
7:00 pm Mass
9:30 pm – Christmas Caroling
10:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day Masses, Friday, December 25
8:00 am Mass
10:45 am Mass
12:15 pm Mass
3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31
4:30 pm Mass
New Year's Day, Friday, January 1
11:00 am Mass

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, January 5 – Regular Meeting
11:00 am Set Up, 12-1 pm Social Hour,
1-2 Meeting Bingo & Cards after Meeting

MONDAY, December 28 – St. Cecilia Seniors
New Year's Party, Bingo & Cards after Party.
For more info call Lorraine at 973-366-6871.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2015
O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven and see, take care of this vine and protect what your right hand has planted
Psalm 80>:15-16

Advent 2015

The **Birthright Bassinet** will be on Mary's Altar during Advent until Christmas. Please help God's needy children as we prepare for our celebration of the Birth of Christ. Birthright helps Babies and Children up to 2T from needy families during these poor economic times

Items in need:

Onesies (long sleeve) 18 to 24 months
Sleepers all sizes 3-24months

Socks 12-24 months	Diapers – Size 4/5/6
Diaper Bags	Baby Shampoo/Wash
Vaseline/Desitin	Snowsuits Sizes 6-24 months
Crib Sheets	Bath Towels
Bibs	Jackets

Hats & Mittens—Medium Sizes

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24
4:00 pm—Children's Mass
6:30 pm—Holy Mass
10:00 pm—Polish Mass
11:30 pm—Christmas Caroling
12:00 am —Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
8:30 am & 10:00 am—Holy Mass

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31
5:00 pm—Holy Mass
New Year's Day, Friday, January 1
12:00 pm—Holy Mass

The March for Life 2016 Rally will take place at noon on the grounds of the Washington Monument, near the corner of 15th Street and Constitution Avenue. Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 15th and 17th Streets at approximately 1:00 pm.

Rockaway
March for Life

On Saturday January 16th St. Cecilia's Church will be hosting a special pro-life event. All those that support the culture of life are welcome to join us for a morning of prayer, public witness, and education of the dignity and beauty of all human life. If you are interested in joining us, we will begin at 8:00am for mass at St. Cecilia's in Rockaway. After mass coffee, juice and other light refreshments will be available in the church hall. By 9:00 am all participants will make the short walk to the Rockaway Park Lake walking path. We will march, pray and witness for a culture of life in our community and country. By 10:00 we will return to St. Cecilia's for our closing prayer.

No registration is required. For more information please contact Jim Clancy at stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com or at 973-627-0313.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
TO BE HONORED IN CONVENT STATION

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth cordially invite you to join them for the Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Seton Associate commitment Ceremony.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at Holy Family chapel, Convent Station, NJ, at 11:00 am. The Mass will be followed by a light lunch in the study hall of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth. The Heritage room at the Motherhouse will be open for a display of Mother Seton memorabilia. For more information call 973-290-5470

In case of inclement weather call 973-290-5478.
Snow date is January 9, 2016

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 21
7:00 pm Penance Service (Church)
7:00 pm Baptism Class (Parish Office)
Tuesday, December 22
7:00 pm Choir Practice (Church)
7:00 pm Church Decorating
7:45 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)
Wednesday, December 23
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
Thursday, December 24
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, December 25
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday, December 26
Sunday, December 27
9:00 am RCIA—Children (Parish Office)
9:15 am Children's Liturgy
11:45 am RCIA—Adults

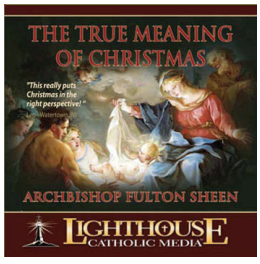
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Pins and magnets available at the Parish Office.

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

CD'S FOR SALE—KIOSK IN VESTIBULE
$3.00 each or 7 for $20.00

The True Meaning of Christmas



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

This is an absolute MUST for Advent every year! Archbishop Sheen has a beautiful way of explaining the miracle of Christmas!

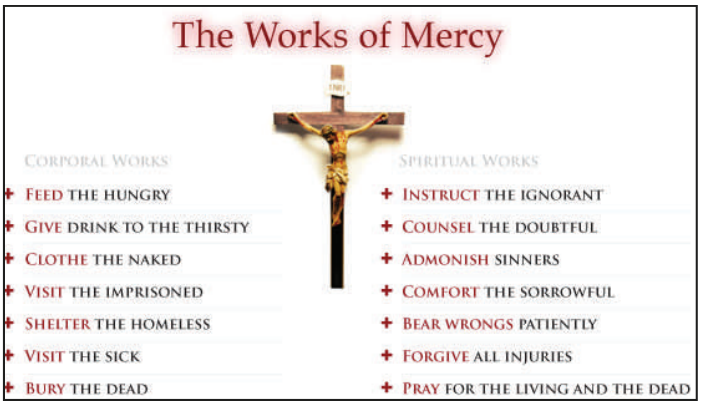
FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Formation Night

Our weekly Thursday night formation events will not be meeting on December 24th and December 31st. We will resume on January 7th with a special guest speaker. Have a very blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

THANK YOU ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS
Great Way to Kick Off The Year of Mercy!

Your generosity is astounding! This is just a small group of gifts received for Catholic Charities, NJ AIDS Foundation, and Parish Families. **God Bless You!**



PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE IN!!!!!
If you had your picture taken for the Directory, you can pick the Directory up at the Parish Office.

From the Pastor

My dear parishioners,
As we assemble to celebrate the Lord's Day we also mark the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Advent journey is nearly complete for we have only five days before reaching the Solemnity of Our Lord's Nativity. In today's Gospel we hear about the journey made by the Mother of God to her relative Saint Elizabeth. Mary's travels from Nazareth south to Ein Karem, the village of Zachariah and Elizabeth. When the Blessed Virgin arrives and the two pregnant women embrace the Prophet John stirs within Elizabeth's womb in recognition of the presence of the Lamb of God. Saint Elizabeth cries out: BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.

The Lord wants to visit with us if we have room in our hearts for Him. When sin and evil take up residence in our souls we need to seek repentance and forgiveness in the sacrament of penance. Confession is the spiritual cleansing we need to undergo to make ourselves right with God and one another. I pray that you and your family will come to confession tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7 o'clock for our Advent Penitential Devotions. A number of priests will be available for confession. Our Advent journey is not complete without the sacrament of penance.

Last Sunday Father Jamie announced at the two masses he celebrated that he would not longer be coming to Rockaway for Mass. Father Jamie has taken on added responsibilities in the religious institute of which he is a member. This lack of time and the burden of driving one hour from New York State to Rockaway has taken its toll. Father has agreed to return when I am in dire need for help. Father Jamie will be with us until January 3rd. In the meantime, I extend an invitation to you to join with me in a reception for Father Jamie in Hayes Hall of Sunday, December 27th following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. I know that Father will be happy to see you and for you to give him your best wishes.

I look forward to seeing all of you in church for Christmas. This is a major feast day and a holy day of obligation. Please take careful note of the Mass times because I have made a few adjustments to the schedule.
Please remember to keep Christ in Christmas!

God bless you!
Father Zig

ST. JOHN OF KANTY, Priest
December 23

ST. JOHN was born in 1403 in a village the name of which he bears, situated in the diocese of Cracow, Poland. His childhood was passed in innocence under the care of his virtuous parents. After finishing his studies he became professor in the University of Cracow, a position he occupied several years, endeavoring not only to train his pupils in science, but also to install into their hearts the sentiments of piety with which he was himself animated.

Having been ordained to the priesthood, he distinguished himself by still greater zeal for the glory of God and his own perfection. The carelessness and indifference of so many Christians were for him a great source of affliction. As parish priest he became a true pastor of souls, severe toward himself and indulgent to others, showing himself the father of his people and their friend when they were in need. After some years he resumed his duties of professor, practicing at the same time prayer, love for the poor, and all Christian virtues.

Consumed by the desire of suffering martyrdom, he made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and preached "Jesus Crucified" to the Turks. Four times he made a journey to Rome on foot. His sleep was short and taken on the floor; his food barely sufficed to keep him alive. By means of fasting and severe discipline he preserved his purity intact. During the last thirty years of his life he abstained entirely from meat. Finally, after distributing to the poor all he had in his house, he died in 1474. He was canonized in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII.

PRAYER: Almighty God, help us to follow the example of Your Priest, St. John, in advancing in the science of the saints. May we show compassion to all who are in need so that we ourselves may obtain Your mercy. Amen

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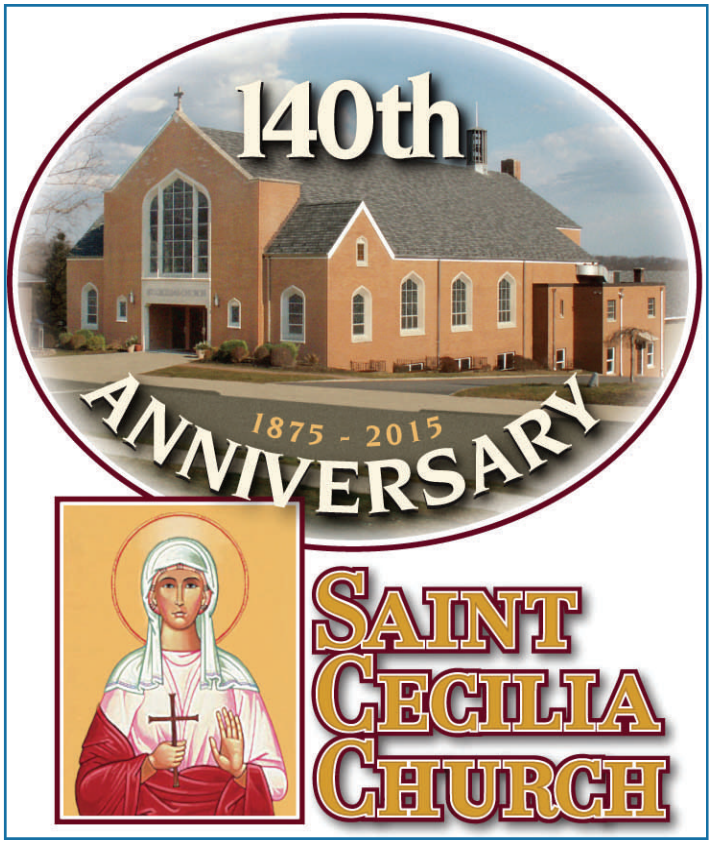

MASSES

Weekends:

Saturday: 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am and 12:15 pm
5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Holydays:
8:00 am and 7:00 pm
Weekday Schedule:
Monday - Friday
8:00 am
Saturday:
8:00 am followed by Novena

Confessions:
Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm
and 6:30 pm
Any time by appointment

Holy Hour:
Monday: 7-8pm
(Sacrament of Penance
Available)

Trustees:
Robyn Hornstein
James Gallagher

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptismal Class is held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the parish office. To register for the class, please call 973-627-0313 . The next class is Monday, December 21st. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class before the birth of the baby. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered weekly at the 12:15 pm Mass, and a Baptismal Ceremony at 1:30 pm. To schedule a Baptism please call Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 Ext. 15.

New Parishioners must wait 2 months for a Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made at least ONE YEAR in advance. The date should not be set until the priest has been consulted.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night. If there is anyone at home or in the hospital who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests or call the Parish Office.