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**MONDAY, March 28, Monday within the Octave of Easter**

8:00 am Sandra Andrade—Happy & Healthy Birthday
r/b Maria Flores

Frank Killeen r/b Carol & Frank Desmond

TUESDAY- March 29, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am John Flynn r/b Wife & family

Aniela Michalowski r/b Tuesday Bible Study

WEDNESDAY-March 30, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am Sandra Andrade—Happy & Healthy Birthday
r/b Maria Flores

Helen Cooper r/b Jean Ball

THURSDAY, March 31, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am Sandra Andrade—Happy & Healthy Birthday
r/b Maria Flores

Stella Parochniak r/b Pat Giannetti

Louise Velotta—3rd Anniversary
r/b The Marmara Family

FRIDAY- April 1, Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am Special Healing Intentions-George Sauvain
Robert W. Cantrella r/b The Cantrella Family
Rosemary Matis r/b Mrs. Hazard

SATURDAY, April 2, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am Deceased St. Cecilia Rosarians
r/b The Rosary Society

Clare Duffy r/b St. Cecilia Seniors

SUNDAY, April 3, Divine Mercy Sunday

4:30 pm Garrett Messick r/b Claire Dowling
Marie Tomasiello r/b Jane & John Bedell & Family
Christina Macchio r/b Bill & Gloria Stahl

7:00 pm Protection of Babies in the Womb
r/b Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry
Sharon Augenti r/b the Oscovitch Family

8:00 am Eugene Kelly r/b Naomi & Steve Drabik
Charles Burns r/b The Cumiskey Family

9:15 am Betty L. McGrath r/b The Frye Family
Aniela Michalowski r/b The Hornstein Family

10:45 am Thomas Haynes r/b Irene Shucavage
Bertha Owens r/b Judy & Patrick Umeukeje

12:15 pm Stella Parochniak r/b Rose Marie & Pat Hester
Nick Karanstantis r/b The Michetti Family



Steven Hnatko, Carol Ferrante, Jim Golden, Karen Niles, 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, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Scott Bornemann, Rosemary Woodring, Sean Nolan, Peg Norman, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Adam Rosowicz, Madison Rose Leslie, Norman Rodriguez, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, and Frances Finn.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

2015/2016

Week Ending - March 20, 2016

The March 20th Collection will be included in the next bulletin.

THE WORD OF GOD

Here are the readings for next Sunday

Acts 5:12-16 Psalms 118:2-4,13-15, 22-24

Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 John 20:19-31

**RICE BOWL ~****HUNGERING FOR CELEBRATION**

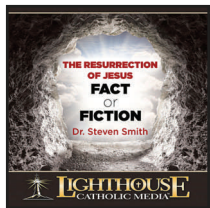
We prayed, fasted and gave alms — and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! Don't forget to turn your CRS Rice Bowl in the Church Vestibule Today



The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: SmE3 Andrew Clifford, 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. 580-St. Cecilia

PARISH EVENTS



CD OF THE MONTH

Join us as we continue with our parish 'CD of the Month' program. For the month of April all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to purchase and listen to "The Resurrection of Jesus: Fact or Fiction" by Dr. Steven Smith.

This audio CD is a great talk by a world class speaker. Dr. Smith does an amazing job of explaining the deepest mysteries of our faith in a way that all people can understand and relate to. This is a simple opportunity to listen, learn, and share our faith together as a community.

On Thursday, April 28th, our 'Formation Night' will be dedicated to a discussion and sharing on this CD.

All are welcome to attend.

CDs are available after Mass or by contacting the parish office. CDs are \$3 each.

Do you have a family member, friend or neighbor who is no longer able to attend weekly mass and would like to?

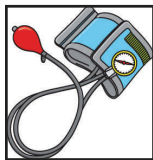
Please call the Parish Office at 973-627-0313 with the person's name, address, and phone number.

A member of the Christian Care committee will bring the Eucharist on Thursdays.



Polish Mass: Msza Po Polsku Polish Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart next Sunday, April 3rd at 11:30 am.

Please join us with your family & friends to worship god in the polish language.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The next FREE Fr. Jean-Claude Blood Pressure Ministry will be held on Sat evening April 2 after 4:30 PM Mass in the Cry Room or the Padre Pio Chapel and Sunday April 3 after all Masses in the rear of Hayes Hall.



Bereavement Support Group Series

St. Cecilia's Bereavement Support Ministry invites those, who have suffered a loss and who are grieving, to a journey towards healing. A series of six weekly sessions will begin on **Wednesday evening, April 6th, 2016 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**, at the Parish Office, 90 Church Street (the brick building to the left of the Church); Rockaway, NJ 07866.

This group is lead by a trained facilitator certified by the *National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved* and the *Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark*. We pray that in this informative environment, you will find understanding, suggestions for coping, practical help, people who care, and friendship.

Please contact the **Parish Office 973-627-0313 x10** for additional information and to register. **Advanced registration is required at your earliest convenience, but no later than September 8th.** There is no charge for this series. **Confidentially will be observed at all times and sharing is optional.** Light refreshments will be served.

Hope: The Spirit Ventures Forth

The College of Saint Elizabeth cordially invites you to the annual **Spirituality Convocation**. It will take place on **Saturday, April 9 from 9:45 am to 4:30 pm.**

It will include two keynotes (Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid and Father Anthony Ciorra) and a choice of 5 workshops on the theme: **Hope: The Spirit Ventures Forth.**

It will also include snacks, lunch and Saturday evening Mass. The cost of the day is \$35.00 by 3/31 and \$40.00 at the door. Please register online or by phone: csu.edu or 973-290-4337.

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, April 5 – Regular Meeting

11:00 am Set Up, 12-1 pm Social Hour,
1-2 Meeting Bingo & Cards after Meeting
Tuesday, April 12th – Mohegan Sun Casino (PA) Cost \$25.00 incl. \$25.00 slot play plus \$5.00 food coupon
Tuesday, March 29 – Italian Feast of St. Joseph at Doolan's in Spring Lake incl. 4 – course meal, Sinatra singer & comedian, band and dancing
For price and more info call Lorraine at 973-366-6871

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org



**Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016**

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins
through his name.
— Acts 10:43

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

This Friday, April 1st, is the FIRST FRIDAY and devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place at Sacred Heart Church on East Main Street beginning at 6:30 in the evening with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. From 6:30 to 7 o'clock the sacrament of penance will be celebrated. At 7 o'clock the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be prayed followed by the celebration of the Holy Mass.

The FIRST FRIDAY observance will take place each month at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Please join us in our worship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

Speaking of Faith

Fr. Manning will interview Mary Oswald about her physical challenges, her encounter with and response to God, and the integration of faith into work and life.

Madison, Wednesday, April 6 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Jewel of the Diocese

Come learn about the history of St. John the Baptist Cathedral from Msgr. Raymond Kupke, Diocesan Archivist.

Madison, Wednesday, April 13 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

What Are the Seven Habits of Christian Disciples?

Join Br. Jude Lasota to find the answer to this question and learn much more.

Madison, Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Pope Francis and Capitalism: The Enemy or the Answer?

A conversation with William McGurn, columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* and former chief speech writer for President George W. Bush.

Madison, Tuesday, May 3 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Women's Conference: Feminine, Faithful, Fearless

This conference is meant for all women, at any age and any stage of life, celebrating our differences while affirming who we are in Christ. What makes this conference different is our focus on the diversity of what today's Catholic woman is, while still appreciating our unifying faith. We try and represent all women, whether that is through an editor-in-chief of a lifestyle magazine, or a lawyer and professor, or a stay-at-home mom, you will feel welcomed. Presenters will be Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Dr. Susan Timoney, STD, and Rosario Rodriguez along with musical guests Lauren and Nicky Costabile and Keaton Douglas as emcee at **St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ**. Join us on **Saturday, April 9 from 9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.** and invite a friend! Check us out on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/635601299954438/?active_tab=posts.

To register, please go to www.insidethewalls.org/womens-conference. Adults: \$25; college students: \$10.



**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 per 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.

Kolbe Krew

The Kolbe Krew Family Rosary Group is a number of families from Sacred Heart and St. Cecilia Parish who meet to teach children how to pray the Rosary and enjoy a meal together. All ages are welcome!

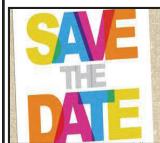
Children in the group range in age from newborn to 13. We meet every first Saturday of every month throughout the year at 6:00pm at St. Cecilia Church Parish Office. Please email Kolbeskrew@gmail.com to be added to our email list. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for the group, "Kolbe Krew Family Rosary Group."

~LECTORS NEEDED~

The Lectors of St. Cecilia's are looking for new members to join our group. If you are interested in learning more about this Ministry, please call Liz at 973-627-7905



THE PARISH PICNIC WILL BE HELD SUNDAY JUNE 5 AT FIREMAN'S FIELD.



Plans include a mass at the field starting around noon. Details will be announced as the date gets closer. If you are interested in helping please call the parish office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 28

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, March 29

9:30 am Bible Study

7:45 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

Wednesday, March 30

Thursday, March 31

9:30 am Mommy Bible Study (Parish Office)

Friday, April 1

6:30 pm First Friday Devotions
(Sacred Heart Church)

Saturday, April 2

8:30am Rosary Society (Hayes Hall)

5:30 pm Kolbe Krew (Parish Office)

Sunday, April 3

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
FOOD DRIVE**

9:00 am RCIA – Children (Parish Office)

10:45 am RCIA – Adults

Villa Walsh Academy in Morristown, is hosting their 2016 Summer Sports Camp: Session 1: June 27-June 30, Session 2: July 5-July 8. Girls entering grades 5-9 may choose from: track/Cross Country, basketball, lacrosse, softball, volleyball, tennis, soccer and/or spirit & dance. Introducing two sessions for high school girls, with some experience, entering grades 9-12! Please visit www.villawalsh.org and look under the Athletics tab for more information or contact the Camp Director, Jamie LoBue, at 973-538-3680 x170 or lobuej@villawalsh.org.



Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their **Fifteenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on April 14, 2016**, honoring Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch, Kathleen Ginty Hyland, and Fred and Mary Alice Lawless. The event will be held at the Hanover Marriot from 6:30-10:00 PM.

Featured during the event are a 50/50 cash raffle, wine pull, basket raffle along with a silent and live auction. All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of the 20 international Sisters from developing nations who are attending the college.

For more information and for the invitation, visit www.acs350.org/events-2/

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



FORMATION NIGHT

There will be no Thursday night meeting during Holy Week or Easter week. We will resume our program on Thursday April 7th at 7:00 pm in Hayes Hall. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

SCHOOL NEWS

MORE CHOICES AVAILABLE!

GIFT CARDS- AFTER ALL MASSES

Thank you to the parishioners and school families who have been supportive of our Gift Card sales..

If more people participate, I cannot even imagine how much more we could help the School without any added cost to the buyer.

Once you start using the cards, you will realize the benefits too.

For your convenience, gift cards are sold at the Parish Office and school offices during normal working hours.

The following are available all of the time, for immediate sales:

SHOPRITE, STOP & SHOP, A & P, HOME DEPOT
KOHL'S, & SUSSEX MEAT PACKING,
DUNKIN DONUTS, STARBUCKS, PANERA, TARGET, WAL-
MART, CRACKER BARREL

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is open for Divine Mercy Academy for the 2016-2017 school year.

Divine Mercy Academy, Rockaway's New Catholic School, will offer an academically excellent, faith-based education to students in Pre-K 3 through Eighth grade. Full-day and half-day Pre-K 3 & 4 will be available as well as full-day Kindergarten. We will also offer a before care program and an after school program. For more information or a registration packet, please call – St. Cecilia Parish Office @ 973-627-0313, or St. Cecilia School @ 973-627-6003.

www.DMARockaway.org

Calling all St. Cecilia School graduates from the Classes of 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966 and 1961! We are planning an Alumni Reunion dinner for Saturday, June 11th, 2016 at The Exchange restaurant in Rockaway! Tickets are \$55 per person. For ticket information email skark2013@gmail.com, or call Amy at 973-343-2337.

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNER ~ March 11, 2016

Nancy German

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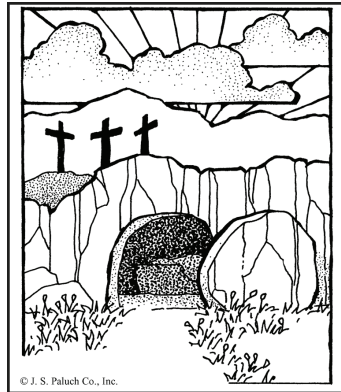
My Dear Parishioners,

CHRIST IS RISEN! Yes, this is the greeting which the Apostles received from Saint Mary Magdalene who with the other women disciples (Myrrh Bearers) visited the tomb on Easter Sunday morning and saw the evidence of the Resurrection. This greeting prompted Saint Peter and the Apostles to run to the tomb and see for themselves that life was victorious of death. Those who had witnessed the horror of His crucifixion were now the witnesses to His Holy Resurrection, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN-TRULY HE IS RISEN, became the greeting with which the followers of Jesus used to express their Easter faith and was the message which they shared with all the world. Today Christians of the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox, will use this greeting when they meet one another during the 50 days of Easter. What a wonderful tradition! These Easter days remind us that SORROW BECOMES JOY, ALLELUIA!!! I pray that we will spend these wonderful days in thanksgiving to God for sending us His Only Begotten Son, who after suffering greatly for us, rose from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Next Sunday we celebrate DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. I invite you to join with me in the "Hour of Mercy" which will take place before the Most Blessed Sacrament and will conclude at 3 o'clock with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. I ask that you especially pray for blessings upon our new Catholic school in Rockaway which will open next fall, DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY. The Lord is already blessing our new school and granting us many favors. Let us thank Him and ask Him to always stay with us.

CHRIST IS RISEN!
Father Zig



ST. BENJAMIN—Deacon and Martyr
March 31

The Christians in Persia had enjoyed twelve years of peace during the reign of Isdegerd, son of Sapor III, when in 420 it was disturbed by the indiscreet zeal of Abdas, a Christian Bishop who burned the Temple of Fire, the great sanctuary of the Persians. King Isdegerd threatened to destroy all the churches of the Christians unless the Bishop would rebuild it.

As Abdas refused to comply, the threat was executed; the churches were demolished. Abdas himself was put to death, and a general persecution began which lasted forty years. Isdegerd died in 421, but his son and successor, Varanes, carried on the persecution with greater fury. The Christians were submitted to the most cruel tortures. Among those who suffered was St. Benjamin, a deacon, who had been imprisoned a year for his Faith. At the end of this period, an ambassador of the Emperor of Constantinople obtained his release on condition that he would never speak to any of the courtiers about religion.

St. Benjamin, however, decreed that it was his duty to preach Christ and that he could not be silent. Although he had been liberated on the agreement made between the ambassador and the Persian authorities, he would not acquiesce in it, and neglected no opportunity of preaching. After untold suffering and tortures, St. Benjamin died a Martyr about the year 424

PRAYER: Almighty, ever-living God, You enabled St. Benjamin to fight for justice even unto death. Through his help, grant that we may tolerate all adversity and hasten with all our might to You Who alone are life. Amen

Taken from, Lives of the Saints; Catholic Booking Publishing Company, 1999, New Jersey

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