

Saint Cecilia Parish

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Rev. Marcin Michalowski
Rev. Mateusz Jasniewicz
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Seminarist Mateusz Darlak

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Director of Music

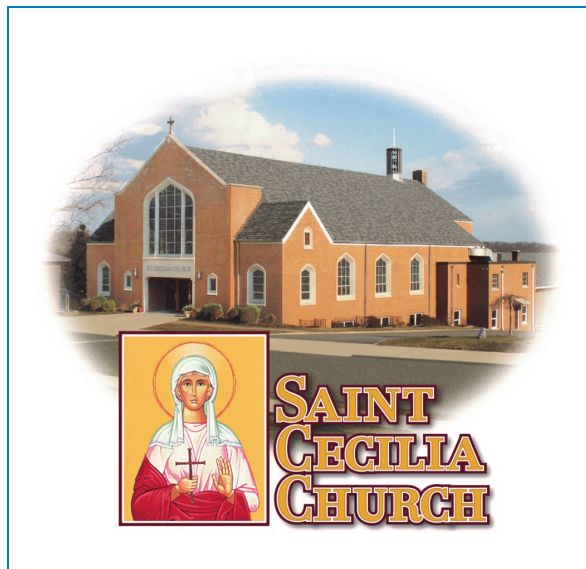
Mrs. Janet Maulbeck
Business Administrator

Mr. James Clancy,
Director of Faith Formation

Mrs. Ann Mitchell,
Principal

Tanya Nellen
Parish Secretary

Mrs. Diane Boykow
Cemetery Administrator
stceciliacemetery@gmail.com



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:

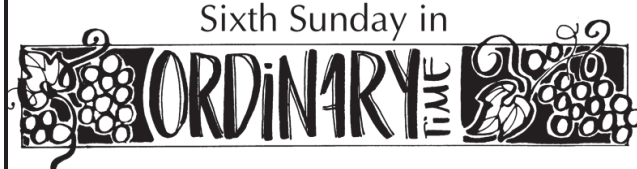
Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm
and 6:30 pm

Any time by appointment

Trustees:

Susan Brennan
James Gallagher

Sixth Sunday in



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, February 20, 2017. 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.

Families are required to be active, contributing parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish for 2 months prior to the child's baptism date.

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.

PARISH PRAYER LIFE:

NOVENA: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA:

Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible Study – Tuesday 9:30 am

Monday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

Tuesday evenings at 7:45 pm (Hayes Hall)

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Mon. – Sat., 7:30 am

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: First Tuesday 7:00 pm (HH)

HOLY HOUR: Monday – 7:00 pm

ADULT FAITH FORMATION RCIA

9:00 am for children & parents, 11:45 am for adults, Send email to paul.d.willson@gmail.com for further information or call 973-551-0749

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

CLOSED SATURDAYS

CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 13,

8:00 am — The Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY- February 14, Saints Cyril Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:00 am - Dufficy & Fitzpatrick Families
r/b The Whalen Family

WEDNESDAY-February 15,

8:00 am John & Margaret Holleran

THURSDAY, February 16

8:00 am Eleanor O'Connell r/b Friday Morning Rosary

FRIDAY- February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 am Estelle Deo r/b Pat & Kathy Deo
Isabel Blazewjewski r/b John & Dianna Sullivan

SATURDAY, February 18,

8:00 am Bernadette Damato r/b Mary Kulawiec

SUNDAY, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm Arthur Hart r/b Edwin & Elaine Hart
John J. Amicucci r/b The Mulroony Family

7:00 pm The Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church

8:00 am The McBride Family
Robert & Rena Benjamin
r/b Bob & Tom Benjamin

9:15 am Samuel Kobylar r/b Fr. Zig
Amy Zawaski
r/b Jeanne & Janette Gallagher

10:45 am Irene Malone r/b Daria Goginsky
Larry Fremeth r/b The Seligmuller Family

12:15 pm Dolly Dempsey
Arthur Aranah & Sandra Aranah r/b Family

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org



Theodora Maulbeck, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Goricca, Carol Graner Wilson, Sam Sessa, Ronald Stankiewicz, Hank Brown, Carol Ferrante, Jim Golden, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, Joanna

Sacco, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Elvira Bugaoan, Pat Heady, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Isabel Rattay, Donna Cooke, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Scott Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Adam Rosowicz, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, and Frances Finn.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

2016/2017

Week Ending - February 5, 2017

Collection—Checks	\$ 4,343.00
Collection— Cash	\$ 11,039.00
ParishPay Electronic Giving	\$ 2,548.42
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	<u>\$ 17,930.42</u>

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$784,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,117.65

<i>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>\$3,812.77</i>
<i>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>(\$ 3,433.78)</i>

Thank You!

THE WORD OF GOD

Here are the readings for next Sunday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Psalms 103:1-4,8,10

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48



In Loving Memory of

*Father Jean-Claude
St. Martin*



ANTHONY EBERSOLE
Always in our Hearts

Requested by:
Sister & Family



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, 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, PO1 (E6) 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



HOSPITALITY—MARCH 5TH

Please join the St. Cecilia Lectors for hospitality after the 10:45 AM Mass on Sunday, March 5th

This is a great opportunity to meet other Parishioners.

Can't make it on March 5th?

Don't worry – we will be doing this every first Sunday of the Month after the 10:45 am Mass.

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, March 8th, 2017 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 March 3rd.* There is no charge for this series.

Confidentially will be observed at all times and sharing is optional. Light refreshments will be served.

CD OF THE MONTH

We are excited to continue our parish 'CD of the Month' program. For the month of February all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to purchase and listen to "The Truth" by Fr. Larry Richards. This audio CD is a great talk by a world class speaker. Fr. Larry Richards 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, February 23rd, our 'Porta Fidei' night will be dedicated to a discussion and sharing on this CD. All people are welcome to attend.

CDs are available after Mass or by contacting the parish office. CDs are \$4 each.

DONATION STATEMENTS FOR TAXES

If you need your statement, please call the Parish Office at 973-627-0313

MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one.

Stop in or call the Parish Office 973-627-0313

Offering \$15.00

CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps **restore the Church and build the future** in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit

www.usccb.org/ccee.

Thank you for your generosity.



BEEFSTEAK DINNER
The Men's Society is having a Beefsteak Dinner:

WHEN: April 29, 2017

WHERE: Hayes Hall

TIME: 7:00 PM

More Information to Follow

RELIGIOUS CARDS FOR SALE AT PARISH OFFICE



Assorted religious cards are available for purchase at the parish office.

Come and see our display of cards for sacraments including ordination, holidays, thank yous and congratulations.

Each card comes with a detachable, keepsake bookmark.

Cards: 1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, February 7 – Regular Meeting

11:00 am – Set up

12-1pm Social hour, coffee & cake

1-2pm – Meeting, bingo & cards afterward

Tuesday, February 21 – St. Cecilia Seniors celebrate 40th Anniversary

For more info call Lorraine 973-366-6871



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2014
What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love (God), this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
--1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Save The Date!

The St. Monica Guild is sponsoring a
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Catered by the St. Francis Residential Community
on Saturday, March 18th, from 5PM to 8PM,
in Hayes Hall. Eat-in or take-out.

More information will be appear on an insert in a future bulletin.

If you have any questions, contact Pat Zayac at [973-625-4572](tel:973-625-4572)

or Lee Ann Mackin at leeann.marty@verizon.net.

Hope to see you there!



Craft and Vendor Fair
St. Cecilia Church Basement
70 Church Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866
Saturday, March 25, 2017
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Free Admission and Indoors
For further information

Email: saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com

Call 973-886-8023

PORTA FIDEI: OPEN THE DOOR OF FAITH

We are continuing our weekly adult formation nights, this week Fr. Zig will be leading the discussion. Join us this Thursday night in Hayes Hall from 7:00-8:00 pm as Fr. Zig will be presenting on *'Holy People you probably never heard of'*. There are thousands of canonized saints and we know many of the popular ones. Join us on Thursday and learn something new about these lesser known holy men and woman.

Please join us for a casual night of faith and fellowship. No registration is need or long term commitment. Light refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please contact Jim Clancy at the parish office.



WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

RECONCILIATION THROUGHOUT LENT 2012

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from March 6th to April 3rd, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!

www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

Join St. Cecilia's LIFE Runners Across the Brooklyn Bridge on Ash Wednesday

St. Cecilia's chapter of LIFE Runners is once again planning to cross the Brooklyn Bridge at 8:00AM on Ash Wednesday, March 1. This launches the East Coast arm of the 2017 nationwide A-Cross America Relay against legalized abortion.

LIFE Runners will gather at 7:30AM on the Brooklyn side of the iconic bridge for 8:00AM start. Transport details for NYC will be provided later. Team members run or walk across the bridge towards Bleecker Street on the other side, some 2 miles, gathering for prayer opposite a local abortion facility.

This is also a fundraiser for the Pro-Life Ministry at St. Cecilia's, the Rock-away Catholic Right to Life Ministry.

To join and participate on Ash Wednesday, sign up at the LIFE Runners website, www.liferunners.org, select St. Cecilia's chapter. LIFE Runners' team jersey available from vendor listed on website. An organizer will follow up with further details. Alternatively, contact the local organizers directly (below). Please note relay participation fee listed on website is not required for students joining St. Cecilia's LIFE Runners: for waiver, simply click "exempt" from fee option offered to students, seniors etc. Limited supply of LIFE Runners' team jerseys available from local organizers.

CAR DRIVERS ALSO REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT

Contact and More Info: 973-664-9460; jaidanbyrne@optonline.net

More on LIFE Runners: www.liferunners.org



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

PIZZA NIGHT WITH THE BISHOP Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 7-9 pm Pope John XXIII H.S., Sparta

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza



More Info? Vocations Office
973-777,-8818 x711

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 13
 7:00 pm Holy Hour
 7:30 pm Bible Study (Parish Office)

Tuesday, February 14
 9:30 am Bible Study (Hayes Hall)
 7:45 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

Wednesday, February 15
 8:00 am Soup Kitchen (Hayes Hall)

Thursday, February 16
 7:00 pm Choir Practice (Church)
 7:00 pm Faith Formation (Hayes Hall)

Friday, February 17

Saturday, February 18
 8:30 am St. Monica Guild (Hayes Hall)

Sunday, February 19
 9:00 am RCIA (Parish Office)
 9:15 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Monday, February 20
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – PRESIDENT'S DAY

SAVE THE DATE:

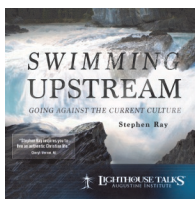
Pilgrimage to Baltimore & Seton Shrine
MAY 16 & 17, 2017
Sponsored by: The St. Monica Guild
More Info? Call Pat Zayac 973-625-4572

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY – The cemetery gate is open from 8 am to 4 pm during the winter. The cemetery is closed during and immediately following a snowstorm until the roadway is treated.

CD'S FOR SALE IN KIOSK
\$4.00 each

Swimming Upstream: Going Against the Current Culture – Steven Ray

In this empowering talk, Steve Ray shares what it means to be a Christian in today's world. By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Learn from early Christians how to swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.



DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY NEWS



2017 CALENDAR RAFFLE

February 3, 2017
Gina Reilly

The Catacombs

Youth Group

8th -12th grade

"Let no one have contempt for our youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity." 1 Timothy 4:12.

All students in 8th grade – 12th grade are welcome to join us for our first youth group meeting of the year on **Friday, February 17th, from 8:30-10:00 pm**. This is a casual group that meets at least once per month for games, sports, food, and prayer. The group will begin at 8:30 in the parish office basement. Please wear sneakers and dress comfortably.

Please let Jim Clancy know if you are interested in attending or would like more details. 973-627-0303 ext. 17 or at stcecelia.faithformation@gmail.com

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ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 18/19

Alexander Patel	4:30 pm
Jasmine Patel	4:30 pm
Leonardo Grafals	8:00 am
Samantha Grafals	8:00 am
Alex Marmara	9:15 am
Brenna Mulhearn	10:45 am
Gigi Delgado	10:45 am
Christopher Trepcos	12:15 pm



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My Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Lord's Day and the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the first lection from the Old Testament Book of Sirach we hear the words: *"If you CHOOSE you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live...Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he CHOOSES shall be given him."* The Old Testament author is reminding us that the Lord God has given us the gift of FREE WILL, we can choose and God does not interfere. The Lord desires us to make choices which will keep us close to Him but unfortunately many times we make choices which separate ourselves from Him who is all-good. The laws of God, the Commandments, have been given to us as a sign of our committed relationship of love with our Creator. These precepts are not burdensome but rather are liberating, freeing us to live our lives in accord with the Lord's design. The wise man, the wise woman, who follows the dictates of the Lord are held in esteem by the Lord for the Psalmist says, ***"Blessed are they who follow the Law of the Lord."*** In today's Gospel the Lord Jesus speaks to His listeners regarding the laws of God. He reaffirms the integrity and sacredness of God's Laws and admonishes all to regard them as life-giving. He says that violating God's Laws bring destruction to one's life. Choose instead to follow the way which leads to eternal life!

Among the concerns addressed in the Commandments is the union between one man and one woman in the holy ordinance of matrimony. Jesus speaks to this covenant which results from the choice made between a man and a woman to be joined together for life. This choice comes as a result of their love for one another. In saying YES to marriage, they make a commitment to be true to each other for better and for worse, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death.

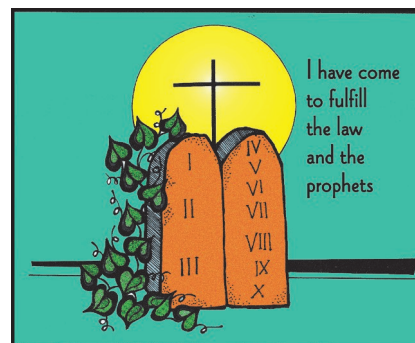
Unfortunately many today choose not to make a commitment, not to truly love! Many just make the choice to live together, seeing the other in a relationship which can be quickly discarded. Yes, COMMITMENT is what is lacking today. This is the reason why vocations to not only marriage but also to religious life and the priesthood are down. The Lord is asking us to choose love, love which is demonstrated in our keeping His commandments, our choice to live in relationship with God.

As we commemorate WORLD MARRIAGE DAY this weekend, I conclude by briefly speaking about the newly published RITE OF MARRIAGE which has been released for use by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. I just bring one point to your attention and it is this, the text includes a rite for the Blessing of an Engaged Couple. This betrothal ceremony is new and can be done in church when a couple has become engaged. This is a very ancient rite within the Church and which has always been present within the Eastern Churches. I am hoping that YOU might help me in making this engagement blessing a common occurrence within our parish by telling your children and other family members about it. What a wonderful way to announce and begin life together.

My prayers and best wishes to all married couples and to all those newly engaged!

God Bless,

Fr. Zig



**ST. VALENTINE, Priest and Martyr
The Same Day, February 14 – Patron of Greetings**

ST. VALENTINE, a Roman priest, together with St. Marius and his family, assisted the martyrs who suffered during the reign of Emperor Claudius II in the 3rd century. Being apprehended, he was sent to the Prefect of Rome, who commanded that he be beaten with clubs and afterward beheaded. He suffered martyrdom about the year 270.

The custom of sending valentines on this day is the revival of an ancient pagan practice, which consisted of boys drawing the names of girls in honor of their goddess, Februata Juno, on February 15. To abolish this practice names of Saints were substituted on billets and drawn upon this day.

PRAYER: God of power and mercy, through Your help St. Valentine has overcome the tortures of his passion. Help us who celebrate his triumph to remain victorious over the wiles of our enemies. Amen



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