

# Saint Cecilia Parish

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Parochial Vicars

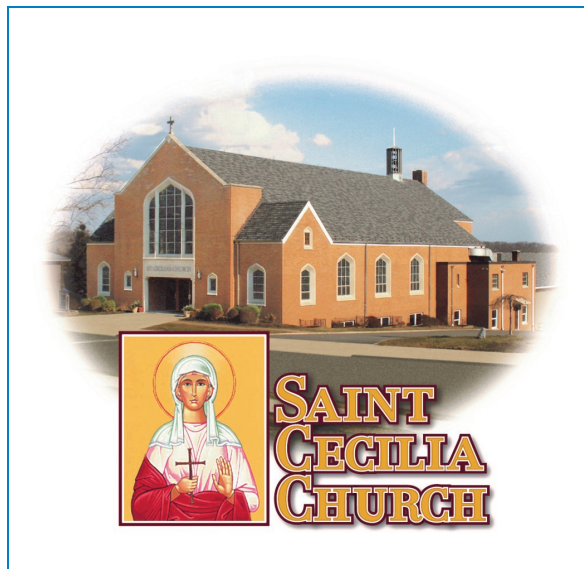
Deacon Paul Willson  
Seminarian Mateusz Darlak

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Director of Faith Formation

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Principal

Mrs. Diane Boykow  
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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

### Trustees:

Susan Brennan  
James Gallagher

## CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the Sunday offering envelope program or "Parish Pay".

## 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, April 17, 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](mailto: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, April 17, Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am — Elizabeth Bialas req. by Monica & Anne Marie

### TUESDAY- April 18, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am - Ginny Celentano req. by Robyn Hornstein

### WEDNESDAY-April 19, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am—Millie DiGuseppi req. by Pat & Jack Zayac

### THURSDAY, April 20, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am—Debra Monteith req. by Christian Care Committee

### FRIDAY- April 21, Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am — Bill Gallagher req. by wife, Jeanne

Ginny Celentano req. by Susan Brennan & Angela Goritski

### SATURDAY, April 22, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am — Irma Rodriguez req. by sister, Maria

### SUNDAY, April 23, Sunday of Divine Mercy

4:30 pm — John J. Amicucci req. by DeMaio family

Rosemary Daher req. by Susan Brennan & Angela Goritski

Caroline Bozza req. by Angela Goritski & Susan Brennan

7:00 pm — Helen Zazenski req. by her daughters

8:00 am—Margaret Maguire req. by Carol & Frank Desmond  
Camillo & Giovanna Tironi req. by Bob & Tom Benjamin  
Eileen Conklin req. by husband, Charlie

9:15 am—Timothy Piazza req. by Palma Family  
Stanley Paluba req. by Richard & Janet Muczinski

10:45 am—Debby Moore req. by Malwitz family  
Helen Zazenski req. by Jeanne O'Carroll

12:15 pm—Josephine Lusardi req. by Harry Lusardi  
Genevieve DeFiore req. by Daria Goginsky  
Robert Cantrella req. by wife, Carol & family

2:00 pm—Divine Mercy Devotion (Sacred Heart Church)

3:30 pm Vietnamese

We are online: [www.st-cecilia.org](http://www.st-cecilia.org)

Ethan Chandra, 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 Miers, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Adam Rosowicz, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, and Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray.



### ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

2016/2017

Week Ending - April 9, 2017

Collection—Checks	\$ To Be
Collection— Cash	\$ Announced
ParishPay Electronic Giving	\$
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	\$

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET) \$784,000.00

Weekly Goal \$ 14,117.65

*Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)*

*Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)*

**Thank You!**

### THE WORD OF GOD

Here are the readings for next Sunday  
Acts 2:42-47 Psalms 118:2-4,13-15,22-24  
1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning  
In Loving Memory of  
Robert Sharp  
1st Anniversary  
Requested by:  
Paci Family*

**Bishop's Annual Appeal—2016 Goal: \$48,500.00**

Cash Received through March 22, 2017: \$63,392.00

Over-Goal Cash: \$13,892.00

Rebate as of March 22, 2017: \$6,946.00



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

**PLEDGE COMMITMENT CARDS** – Thank you to all parishioners who have completed their pledge commitment card to our church. For those who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card please do so as soon as possible. If you need a pledge commitment card they can be found in the church vestibule. It is important that all parishioners complete a Pledge Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a summary report of the program, and need all commitments accounted for this report. If you have any questions please contact our pastor, Father Zig. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to set up your reoccurring offertory gifts.

### Life in The Spirit Seminar

The Charismatic Service Committee for the Diocese of Paterson is sponsoring **A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** to be held at St. Paul's Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave., Madison, N.J. 07940 on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and June 3\*, 5, 12. (\*this session only will be held at St. Thomas More Church, 4 Convent Rd., Morristown, NJ.) There will be an optional Mass at 7:00 pm, Seminar starts 7:30 pm.

All are invited to join us in discovering more about the Holy Spirit. Jesus sent him to us on Pentecost - let us rejoice and be glad in it! Bring friends and family to hear more about the "good news". Fellowship and light refreshments will follow.

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. **"Quo Vadis—Where are you going?"** Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 27-29, 2017** at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and Fr. Luis Hernandez in the vocations Office at 973-777-8818, ext #711, by email: fredgar@patersondiocese.org

Please be sure to return  
your Rice Bowl on Easter  
Sunday!

**Thank You**



2017-2018 Registration  
K-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Traditional CCD &  
Generations of Faith

Registration for all religious education classes is now open! Registration forms are available on the parish website. Completed forms and payments can be submitted to the parish office

Students that are in non-sacramental year classes will have the option to attend the Generations of Faith program in place of the traditional CCD classes. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will still need to be enrolled in the traditional program.

Generations of Faith is a once per month program that will meet on a Friday night. This program is designed for the entire family; babies to retired seniors are welcome to register. There is no drop off service, so children will need to be accompanied by one or both parents. The program will include family prayer, family activities, and small break out groups. Registrations will be taken at the same time as traditional CCD registrations.

If you have any questions about registration for next year, please contact Jim Clancy at 973-627-0310 ext 17 or at [stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stcecilia.faithformation@gmail.com).



### ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Tuesday, April 18 – Regular Meeting

11:00 am – Set up

12-1pm Social hour, coffee & cake

1-2pm – Meeting, bingo & cards afterward

Tuesday, April 22 – Mohegan Sun Casino – Cost \$25.00

Incl. \$25 slot play plus \$5 food coupon

For more info call Lorraine 973-366-6871



**PILGRIMAGE TO:**

The Home of Mother Seton  
The Seton Shrine/The Baltimore Basilica  
St. Jude's Shrine/National Shrine Grotto  
Mount St. Mary's University

**MAY 16 & 17, 2017**

**Sponsored by: The St. Monica Guild**

**INCLUDES:**

Daily Mass/Bus from St. Cecilia Church  
Overnight Accommodations  
2 Lunches/1 Dinner/1 Breakfast  
Admission to the sites

**More Info?**

**Call Pat Zayac 973-625-4572**

**ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST**

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at church.

**What Is Resurrection? An Easter Reflection**

The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is evil being changed, what is immature becoming adult; what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life.

But for the Christian the resurrection has a still richer meaning. St. Paul, clearly repeating a catechetical formula that he had learned, says to the Corinthians: "I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures" (1Corinthians 15:3-4).

Christ is risen, and has promised to take us with him. This life is not the end; we too will be transformed in endless life and beauty. Human life is good, but it will end. The resurrection gives hope and meaning to our existence here. In our weakness we will after death be raised in glory. Again there is continuity: it is I (not just my body) that I hope will be raised. As Paul writes: "So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body" (1Corinthians 15:42-44).

Fr. Marcín

**BANNS OF ORDINATION**

The seminarian, Joseph Boykow, is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon on May 13, 2017. Christ's faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, to the Ordinary or to the pastor before ordination according to the norms of cc.1043 and 1051,2 of the Code of Canon Law. If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a deacon in the Catholic

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**Fatima and Southern Spain Pilgrimage**

Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director of a trip this summer to *Fatima and Southern Spain*. The Pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima and then continue on to Spain. The Pilgrimage will be from July 16 to 24.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or email them at [greatexinc@verizon.net](mailto:greatexinc@verizon.net).



PORTA FIDEI:  
OPEN THE DOOR OF FAITH

There will be no Thursday night formation program this week. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter! We will resume on April 27<sup>th</sup> with our CD of the Month discussion group. CDs are available in the church or at the parish office for \$4 each.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday,** April 17 Parish Office Closed  
7:00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions

**Tuesday,** April 18 Parish Office Closed  
9:30 am Bible Study (Hayes Hall)  
11:00 am Seniors in Hayes Hall  
7:45 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

**Wednesday, April 19**  
8:00 am Soup Kitchen in Hayes Hall  
7:00 pm Bereavement (Parish Office)

**Thursday, April 20**  
9:30 am Mommy Bible Study (Parish Office)  
7:00 pm Faith Formation (Hayes Hall)

**Friday, April 21**

**Saturday, April 22**  
8:30 am Social Justice in Hayes Hall

**Sunday, April 23**  
9:00 am RCIA in Parish Office  
9:15 am Children's Liturgy

## DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY NEWS



### 2017 CALENDAR RAFFLE

April 7, 2017  
Jim Clancy

Join us for  
DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY'S  
First Annual Golf Outing  
Monday, May 22nd 2017, at  
Farmstead Golf & Country Club  
\$110 per Golfer/\$400 per Foursome\*  
Includes greens fees, cart, buffet dinner, beer & soda pitchers  
1:00 PM Check-in.

Immediately following golf is a buffet dinner.  
For more info, call Patrick Rudolph at 973-440-0748,  
or email [prudolph817@gmail.com](mailto:prudolph817@gmail.com)  
\*If purchased by April 12<sup>th</sup>. \$120/golfer after.



"Here are some of our Divine Mercy Academy Kindergartners celebrating Rodeo Day! Divine Mercy Academy offers a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade academically excellent Catholic education.  
Find us on Facebook or at [DMARockaway.org](http://DMARockaway.org)!"



*Congratulations to our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who have been inducted into Divine Mercy Academy's National Junior Honor Society. Eligibility is determined by a student's cumulative GPA which must meet or exceed our chapter's standard for scholarship currently set at 90. In addition to the scholarship standard, membership in NJHS is based on standards of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.*

Luke Armonaitis  
Danielle Berlin  
Marco Inigo Cadag  
Austin Chinsky  
Morgan Cure  
Timothy Downs  
Emma Duphiney  
Oliver Hinojosa  
Elisabeth McMahon  
Matthew Medina  
Brianna Milovic  
Mayson Novillo  
Aliyah O'Donnell  
Julia Obser  
Lauren Oudine

Alexander Patel  
Jasmine Patel  
Alexander Petrucelli  
Katherine Petrucelli  
Sophia Pimentel  
Victoria Ruiz  
Matthew Salazar  
Daniel Slockbower  
Ciara Taggart  
Cristian Vargas  
Jessie Wahlers  
Benjamin Weber  
Giovanni Zapata



My Dear Parishioners,

**CHRIST IS RISEN! Truly He is risen!** These were the words which were first spoken by the women disciples who went to the tomb of Jesus early on the first day of the week. Angels had announced this news to them. However, it was to Saint Mary Magdalene that the Risen Christ had first appeared and who told her to announce this news to His Apostles. These myrrh-bearing women brought the good news of Resurrection to Saint Peter and his confreres. The Apostles would bravely proclaim that **CHRIST IS RISEN** after the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

For the followers of the Risen Christ each Sunday is “Easter all over again.” The first day of the week has become the Sabbath observance for us. Sunday is the day for worship and praise. This is the day for Sabbath rest and meditation. Every Sunday for us is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. Whenever we deliberately miss Holy Mass on the Lord’s Day **WE ARE IN SIN**. This sin must be forgiven in the sacrament of penance before we can present ourselves for Holy Communion. The breaking of the Third Commandment is a serious offense, as is the non observance of the other nine. Right from the start the followers of the Risen Christ gathered to celebrate the Eucharist as is evident in Acts of the Apostles. I emphasize this because our liturgies this Sunday will be better attended because of the feast. I am so happy to see so many whom I do not normally see on a Sunday. I welcome you with joy! But as your Father, I remind you of your weekly obligation to join with us to celebrate **EASTER** on the first day of the week. Worshipping God each week by celebrating the Eucharist is also a sign of our affirmation of **LIFE**. Each Sunday celebrates **LIFE** as we commemorate the Lord Jesus’ Holy Resurrection from the dead. For it was on this day that the promise of **ETERNAL LIFE** became a reality for you and for all those who believe.

Next Sunday we observe **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, a universal feast which draws our attention to the wonderful gift of mercy our Lord offers to all who come to Him. Through the mystical revelations given to Saint Faustina Kowalska the Lord Jesus exposed His heart overflowing with love and mercy for every sinner. I invite you to join with me for “**AN HOUR OF MERCY**” which will take place next Sunday beginning at 2 o’clock in the afternoon at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. During that time a priest will be available for the sacrament of penance. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung at 3 o’clock, the Hour of Mercy.

*THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!*

**HAPPY EASTER – CHRIST IS RISEN! – TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

Father Zig

**Sts. Epipodius and Alexander  
April 22—(St. Epipodius) Patron of the Unmarried**

Sts. Epipodius and Alexander were two Christian young men of Lyons-both unmarried and of good position. During the fierce persecution of Marcus Aurelius in that city (178), they were arrested, imprisoned, and finally brought before the governor. Their ready acknowledgment of being Christians elicited the astonishment of the governor who was well aware of the fierce tortures and executions which had already been meted out to Christians.

However, the governor was not deterred in carrying out his task. He separated them and attempted to cajole Epipodius (the younger of the two) to abandon his Faith. But the loyal youth remained unmoved and continued to profess his Faith. Then he was stretched out on a rack and his sides were rent by iron claws. He was finally beheaded.

Two days later, it was St. Alexander’s turn. Instead of being frightened by the reminder of his companion’s fate, he thanked God for his example and expressed a firm desire to join him. He was scourged unmercifully but stood fast in the Faith. Finally, he was sentenced to be crucified, and the moment his battered body was fastened to the cross he passed on to his heavenly reward.

**PRAYER:** May the prayer of Sts. Epipodius and Alexander make us pleasing to You, Lord, and strengthen us in profession Your truth. Amen.



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