

Saint Cecilia Parish

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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". It is the responsibility of the individual to meet these requirements as listed in the Code of Canon Law, #874.

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 7:30 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

Susan Brennan
TRUSTEE

James Gallagher
TRUSTEE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptismal Class is held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the parish office. The next class is Monday, Jan. 15th. To register for the class, please call 973-627-0313. 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. 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, **Mommy Bible Study:** Thursday @ 9:30 am

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday evenings at 7:45 pm (Hayes Hall)

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - 3rd Wednesday 7:00 pm (PO)

HOLY HOUR - Monday - 7:00 pm

ADULT FAITH FORMATION RCIA

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:40 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15, Weekday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

8:00 am — Mark Bracaglia req. by Loving Wife, Gerri

Tuesday, January 16, Weekday

8:00 am - Bernard & Joan McDonnell req. by the McDonnell Family

Wednesday, January 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 am— Harry “Bud” Struble, 11th Anv., req. by Ag Struble & Family

Thursday, January 18, Weekday

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

8:00 am — Special Intentions of Ceil Sowa

Friday, January 19, Weekday

8:00 am — Lucie Csutoros req. by Ann Mitchell

Saturday, January 20, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr BVM

8:00 am — James Desmond req. by Frank & Carol Desmond

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm—Special Intention

7:00 pm— Elizabeth Boyer req. by the Boyer Family
Barbara Bailey req. by Family

8:00 am— Robert & Rena Benjamin req. by Bob & Tom Benjamin
Guy Moore req. by the Kairys Family

9:15 am— Bill Gallagher req. by wife, Jeanne
Fr. John McGovern req. by the McGovern Family

10:45 am— Nicholas Naclerio req. by the Naclerio Family
Kenny Patterson req. by The O'Donnell Family

12:15 pm— Jose Eduardo Sanchez Soto req. by Sara Kuglin & Family
Rosa Butera req. by Ken & Joyce Wyrwa

THE WORD OF GOD

Here are the readings for next Sunday

68: Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9

1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20



Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Goricca, 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, Cheryl Anne Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, and Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, Virginia Cousins., Madlyn Long, Stephanie Lewis, Florence Clements, Kimberly Dugan, George Falcone, Christine Wich, Gale Sessa, Paul Minetti, Kyle Johnson, Marguerite Buggy, Mike Murray.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

Week Ending: Christmas

Collection— Cash & Checks	\$ 27,309.00
ParishPay Electronic Giving	\$ 3,522.50
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	<u>\$ 30,831.50</u>

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

Week Ending 1/7/18

Collection—Checks	\$ 3,711.00
Collection— Cash	\$ 9,010.45
ParishPay Electronic Giving	\$ 2,012.50
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	<u>14,733.95</u>

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 814,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,705.88

<i>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>\$ 28.07</i>
<i>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>\$ 18,892.77</i>

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal
In Giving, We Receive

If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2017 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2017appeal.org.



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, Airman First Class William Kussler and Spc. Gregory Villaneuva . 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.

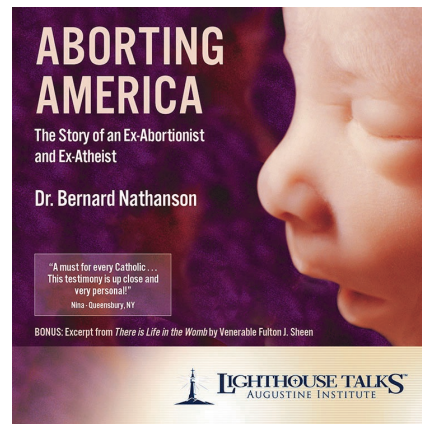
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PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION MEN – A new men's group called **FATHERS OF ST. JOSEPH** will be meeting every other Saturday morning at 5:30 a.m. in the St. Cecilia Office Building. The sole aim and purpose of the group is to labor for the restoration, revitalization and redemption of human fatherhood, in order that it may become what it has been created to be: an efficacious icon that directs the human family to its Father. The Fathers of St. Joseph gatherings are not so much meetings as they are mini retreats, whose aim is to communicate the spirituality of fatherhood in a manner that encourages and inspires fathers to embrace, engage and – by the power of the Holy Spirit – sanctify their vocation. **The next gathering is SATURDAY, JANUARY 27!**

Women at the Well: Social & Spiritual Refreshment for Women ages 18+. Join us on Saturday, January 20th at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Women at the Well. This is a new group for women ages 18+ to grow in faith & friendship together. The evening begins with a potluck dinner, followed by a speaker, and finishing with the Rosary & quiet prayer. Registration is required by emailing Jennifer Nelson & Faith Rose at wellwithmysoul117@gmail.com with your name, parish and email address. All subsequent meetings for the year will be on the **FIRST SATURDAYS** of each month.

YOUR GENEROSITY – Recently two door collections were taken at our parish for which I received a report. The Knights of Columbus conducted their annual "Rose Sale" to fund the bus which will take our residents to Washington to participate in the Right to Life March. \$1,500 was collected for this important cause. Last Sunday one of our young parishioners had a collection to aid poor children in Africa as well as those who are the victims of Hurricane Maria. \$1,109.75 was collected for this most worthwhile cause. I thank you, my good people! Your generosity is noted in heaven as I know that the Lord will richly bless you!!! – Father Zig



Bernard Nathanson was an American medical doctor from New York who helped to found the National Abortion Rights Action League, but then later became an acclaimed pro-life activist. He gained national attention by becoming one of the founding members of the National Abortion Rights Action League, now known as NARAL Pro-Choice America. He worked with Betty Friedan and others for the legalization of abortion in the United States. He was also for a time the director of the Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health New York's largest abortion clinic. Nathanson has written that he was responsible for more than 75,000 abortions throughout his pro-choice career.

FATHER CERILO – Where's Father Cerilo, you may ask. He is visiting his family in the Philippines and will be returning to us on January 24th. We wish him a good vacation and safe travel.

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Please be advised that all the "Senior Events" are open to everyone of every age from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishes!

Tuesday, January 16 – Regular Meeting

11 am set up, 12-1 pm social hour, coffee & cake
1-2 pm meeting, bingo & cards afterward

Tuesday, February 6 – Regular Meeting

11 am set up, 12-1 pm social hour, coffee & cake
1-2 pm meeting, bingo & cards afterward

For more info call Lorraine at 973-366-6871

IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359

February 2, 2018 – February 4, 2018 (Feb 2, 2018 at 7:15 PM to Feb 4, 2018 at 1 PM) at Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ. Join us for a Men's Weekend Retreat led by Fr. Tom Marciniak, S.J. The retreat will focus on the topic of Surrender??? - Learning How to Yield Lovingly to our God. Open to all men of the parish (18 or older). Membership in the KofC is not necessary. Details at www.kofc3359.org, or contact Damiano Servidio at (973) 407-0186 / dservidio@fordham.edu.

The Monday Night Bible Study will explore the Book of Exodus for 10 weeks beginning January 8th. Please email savondollen@gmail.com by December 28th if you can to join us on Mondays from 7:30 -9PM in Hayes Hall. If you can not attend the sessions, a streaming option is available with the purchase of a workbook. The study workbooks are \$25 and please make out checks to St. Cecilia.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP
Knights of Columbus, Lafayette Council #514 Dover, NJ is holding their annual "Free Throw Championship." Basketball free throw shooting for all boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of January 1, 2018. Birth Certificate or other proof of age required.

Date: Sunday January 28, 2018 at 1:00 PM. Sign up time from 1:00-1:15PM

Location St. Mary's School Gym, 345 S. Main St., Wharton, NJ

Contact info: Tim Neal, 201-978-2598

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 you,s and congratulations.

Each card comes with a detachable, keepsake bookmark.

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



Rockaway March for Life

On Saturday January 20th 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.

THANK YOU – My thanks to George Fatzer who did an outstanding job in "touching up" the statues of the Nativity scene which was on display in the parish hall during Christmas. May the Lord richly bless him!- Father Zig

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – The Christmas decorations in the church will be taken down this week following Monday's celebration of Our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan. The crèche and other exterior decorations will remain until the 40th day, the Feast of the Lord's Presentation on February 2nd following ancient custom.

Sight & Sound Theatres "Samson"

The Sacred Heart, Dover, Bereavement Ministry Committee is hosting a trip to the *Sight & Sound Theatre* in Lancaster PA on Friday, May 6, (Departing 10:45 am from the Rockaway Mass lot #36 &38.) The show begins at 2:45 pm. After the show, the bus will transport you to a wonderful dinner in PA at 6:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$120.00 per person (non-refundable). This includes: the bus; the show; meal and a tip for the bus driver. Money is due ASAP, due to seating arrangements. Seats are limited...first come, first served. Interested? Call Lydia at 973-328-7058. Please come and see another great show with us!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 15**Martin Luther King Day**

7:00 am – Divine Mercy Academy Teachers Retreat (HH)

Divine Mercy Academy & Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm – Holy Hour (Ch)

7:30 pm – Monday Night Bible Study (HH)

Tuesday, January 16

9:30 am – Bible Study (HH)

11:00 am – Seniors Meeting (HH)

7:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting (PO)

7:45 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (HH)

Wednesday, January 17

9:00 am – Soup Kitchen (HH)

7:00 pm – Padre Pio Prayer Group (POC)

Thursday, January 18

9:30 am – Mommy Bible Study (PO)

7:00 pm – Faith Formation (HH)

Friday, January 19

6:00 pm – Generations of Faith (Church & HH)

Saturday, January 20

8:00 am – Rockaway March for Life (HH)

8:30 am – St. Monica Guild (HH)

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am – RCIA (PO)

9:15 am – Children's Liturgy (Church)

11:45 am – RCIA (PO)

6:00 pm – Vietnamese Community (Church & HH)

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY NEWS

Divine Mercy Academy's Calendar Raffle is underway! The calendar raffle will feature a total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. A winner will be drawn every week from February 2nd through June 1st. Weekly cash prize amounts vary. Each week the winning ticket will be put back in the drum, so **each \$10 ticket gives you 18 chances to win!** Please email HSA@DMARockaway.org or call 973-769-1028 for tickets. Tickets will also be available from our gift card sellers after Masses. Thank you for your support of Divine Mercy Academy!

BAPTISM CLASS – A meeting of all those wishing information and scheduling for a baptism will meet on Monday evening, Jan. 15th in the Saint Cecilia Parish office at 7 o'clock in the evening. Father Pawel will be present to conduct the information session and answer questions regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

MSZA PO POLSKU: Polish Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart next Sunday, January 14th. Please join us with your family & friends as we worship God in the Polish Language.

THANK YOU – Many thanks to all those who came out last Tuesday evening to help take down the crèche and other Christmas decorations in the church and Hayes Hall: Agnes Maye, Marty Mackin, Joseph Servant, George Fatzer, Jeff Zuber, Dan Zarzecki, Susan Brennan, Diana & John Sullivan, Pat Deo, Jack Zayac and Ed Jozwiak. May Christ the Savior bless them! – Father Zig

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - The Padre Pio Prayer Group's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office.

Hospitality is the 1st Sunday of every month (Sept. to June)! Come and join us for coffee after the 10:45 Mass.

This past year, the parish has received many donations that helped renovate the church and make improvements in other areas that benefit all parishioners here at St. Cecilia's. The generosity of the parish continues to amaze me. In order to assist some members of the parish who wish to make a special donation, we are now able to accept the donation of securities from parishioners. In donating securities (such as registered stocks or bonds) to the parish you can possibly avoid certain capital gains taxes on the appreciated value of the security. **This type of donation may vary for each individual and you are encouraged to consult with your tax advisor to better understand your particular situation.** Accordingly, should you be interested in this type of giving, you can contact the office who can provide the transaction. As always, the parish is most grateful for your contributions at this time and throughout the year. **Father Zig**



My Dear Parishioners,

We assemble on the Lord's Day commemorating the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Gospel periscope from John is a reminder to us that in Year B of the Lectionary, which is focused on the Gospel of Mark, Johannine segments are inserted due to Mark's Gospel being so short. We will be even more aware of this later in the year when for five weeks we will hear the "Bread of Life Discourse", that is chapter 5 of John's Gospel.

For today we told of the introduction of Saint Peter to the Lord Jesus by his brother, Saint Andrew. Saint Andrew is given the Greek title, "Protoclete", which means "the First Called." His feast day is November 30th. As Saint Andrew introduced his brother Peter to the Lord, so too does Andrew introduce us to Advent and the new liturgical year. Saint Andrew is the patron of Constantinople which serves as the see for the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox Churches. As Peter and Andrew were brothers so too are the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. The Orthodox Church, although not in full communion, is the closest Church to the Catholic Church. We share Apostolic Succession (valid holy orders), the same sacramental system, veneration of the Mother of God and Ever Virgin Mary, some common liturgical celebrations and more. All of the Roman Pontiffs of the past century have work diligently to heal the division between East and West. As the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity approaches we ask the Lord to restore the union East and West shared for the first 1,000 years of the Church's history.

Next Monday, January 22nd, I will be leaving on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land which will be led by our Bishop, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Arthur Serratelli. The group will include both clergy and lay people. I will be going with Father Marcini, our former assistant, who I am looking forward to spending this time with.

This coming Saturday, January 20th, our annual ROCKAWAY MARCH FOR LIFE will take place. We begin with the 8 a.m. Mass followed by coffee and bagels in Hayes Hall and then it is off to our walk around Park Lake reciting the Rosary for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. The Catholic Church's PRO LIFE stand is another common belief we share with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. I hope you will join with me and participate in this witness for life!

Our outdoor crèche and lights will remain until the leave-taking of Christmas on February 2rd, the 40th day and the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.

God bless you!

Father Zig

ST. SEBASTIAN, Martyr
The Same Day, January 20—Patron of Athletes

St. Sebastian was born at Narbonne in Gaul, educated at Milan, and martyred at Rome about the year 284.

According to an account of the 5th century and now considered unhistorical, he entered the army at Rome under the Emperor Carinus, about the year 283, in order to render assistance to the martyrs. When Diocletian left for the East, St. Sebastian continued to enjoy the esteem of Maximian, his coadjutor in the Empire.

St. Sebastian had prudently concealed his religion, but he was at last detected and accused before Diocletian, who condemned him to be shot to death by arrow. The sentence was executed to the extent that he was left for dead.

Restored to health by the care of a pious widow, he boldly appeared before the Emperor and reproached him for his injustice against the Christians. The Emperor, recovering from his surprise at beholding St. Sebastian alive, commanded that he be beaten to death with clubs. His body was thrown into a sewer; but a pious lady had it privately removed, and buried it in the catacombs.

PRAYER Lord, grant us a spirit of strength. Taught by the glorious example of Your Martyr St. Sebastian, may we learn how to obey You rather than men. Amen

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