

# 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.

## 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. 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.

## 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

Vigil 4:30 pm  
6:30 am, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

### Weekday Schedule:

Monday - Friday  
6:30 am & 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

## 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:** Tuesday @ 9:30 am, Monday Night Bible Study  
@ 7:30 pm, Mommy Bible Study @ 9:30 am on Thursdays

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday evenings at 7:45 pm (Hayes Hall)

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** 3rd Wed. @ 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 (PO)

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** Monday through Sat. @ 7:30 am

### Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Friday: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Closed for lunch: 12:00 to 1:00



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 22, Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am – Bill Gallagher req. by wife, Jeanne

8:00 am – Peter Chmiel

### Tuesday, April 23, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am – Veronica Morgante req. by family

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

### Wednesday, April 24, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am – Agnes Cuneo req. by Ag and Family

8:00 am – Vince Marchesani req. by John Boylan

### Thursday, April 25, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am – Special Intention for the sick

8:00 am – Alice & Walter Lech req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

### Friday, April 26, Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am – Special Intention for World Peace

8:00 am – Margaret Maguire req. by Carol & Frank Desmond

### Saturday, April 27, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am – Frank Lyons req. by the Men's Society

### Sunday, April 28, Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday

4:30 pm – Protection of the babies in the womb and their families req. by Pat & Tom Degnan

7:00 pm – James Zangari, Jr. 10th Anniversary, req. by family

Grace Monto req. by Nicholas & Jeanine Losito

8:00 am – Florence Whiteford req. by The Rosary Society

Thea Letsch req. by Naomi & Steve Drabik

9:15 am – Special Intention for all the Priests

10:45 am – Frank & Paul Zimmerman req. by the Zimmerman family

Jack Ramsay req. by the Trepcos family

12:15 pm – Gilda Adams req. by Daria Goginsky

Mary MacMillan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Vince Siminski

Please  
**P R A Y**  
for the sick of our parish and  
those that care for them

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Goricca, Sam Sessa, 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, 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, Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, Virginia Cousins, Madlyn Long, Stephanie Lewis, Kimberly Dugan, Gale Sessa, Marguerite Buggy, Mike Murray, Helene Turner, Michael Turner, Ruben Lorenzo, Michael Alvarez., Mina Simmons-Jones, Joe Maulbeck, Mary Merz, Dolores Faulkner, Marion Cables, Patricia Smith Schulman, Vincent Fortunato, Joyce Turner, Tom Cumiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Annette Esposito, Brian Bosworth.

### ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

Week Ending 04/14/19

Due to the early publication of the bulletin due to the holiday, the collection totals for April 14th will be shown next weekend.

Thank you!

### THE WORD OF GOD

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

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31



The Paschal Candle has been given in loving memory of **Helen E. Lucas**  
Donated by her daughter & son-in-law,  
LeeAnn and Marty Mackin



The Sanctuary Candle burning  
on our altar this week is  
In loving memory of  
**James Zangari, 10th Anniversary**  
Requested by his loving 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, Sgt. 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, 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, Spc. Gregory Villaneuva and Cpl Casey W. Lyness. 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

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday evening, **May 15th**, at 7 o'clock in the parish office for devotions and prayer meeting.

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 26-28, 2019** at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: [revedgar@patersondiocese.org](mailto:revedgar@patersondiocese.org) and [Dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org](mailto:Dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org)

**BAPTISM CLASS** – A meeting of all those wishing information and scheduling for a baptism will meet on Monday evening, May 20th in the Saint Cecilia Parish office at 7 o'clock in the evening. Father will be present to conduct the information session and answer questions regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

### St. Cecilia Cemetery News:

Our **CRUCIFIX PAVER PROJECT FOR SPRING** is now open for those who wish to purchase a memorial paver on the walkway to the Crucifix Shrine. Please see the order form in the parish bulletin and/or the parish office.

### 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 and congratulations.**

Each card comes with a detachable, keepsake bookmark.

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

### 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~

Please visit the kiosk in the vestibule of the church to purchase this CD and others that are available for \$4.00.

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

**COME WITH ME TO ITALY** – I invite you to join me on a visit to Rome and the Amalfi Coast of Italy, September 5-14. A wonderful trip to beautiful Italy has been prepared by Collette Travel Company. Highlights of the trip are: Rome, Montecassino, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii and Naples. We will visit a winery, a buffalo milk mozzarella factory, the National Archaeological museum and more. For additional information please contact me or Janet in the parish office. Seats are still available for this breath-taking trip! – Father Zig

### Sacred Heart Music Director & Choir on CD

A Divine Mercy Encounter CD featuring Scripture reading, quotes from the Diary of St. Faustina and songs composed and sung by SH Music Director, Derek Nelson, (with special guests from the SH Choir) are now available for purchase. Each CD costs \$15 and half the proceeds will go to support the work of the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy. If you are interested in a copy, please email Jennifer at [adivinemercyencounter@gmail.com](mailto:adivinemercyencounter@gmail.com).



### ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

*Please be advised that all the "Senior Events" are open to everyone 55 and over from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishes!*

### Regular Meeting – Tuesdays, April 30th & May 7th Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – Thursday, April 25th

*Includes meal & show "Take Me Away"*

*For more info: Carol @ 973.537.5529*

### SAVE THE DATE: September 3-8

Motorcoach trip to beautiful Island of Coudres & Quebec City, Canada includes guided tours plus a visit to St. Ann DeBeaupre Shrine. All breakfasts & dinners included. For more info call Carol @ 973.537.5529.

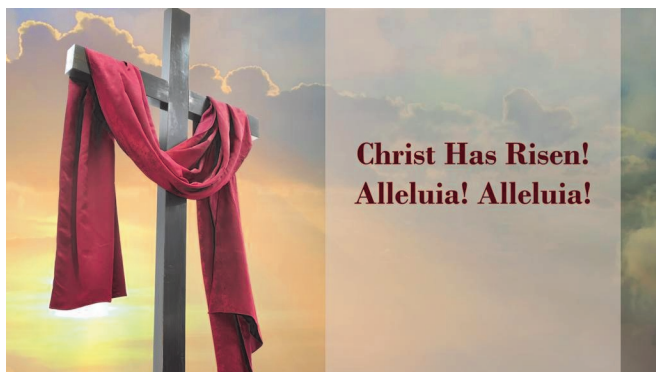


**BEWARE:** Its come to our attention that some people have received “scam” emails from Fr. Zig or one of the priests. Please know these messages are fake that are requesting “favors”, “money” or “gift cards”. Should you have any questions, please call the parish office at 973-627-0313. Do not reply to these emails.

**The Feminine Genius Project:** A prayer and discussion ministry for mothers. We will meet every first and third Saturday morning (6:30—8:00 am) in the St. Cecilia parish office for grace & coffee. We hope that this gives each of us the spiritual recharge we need through prayer, group discussion, and time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in order to serve our families, our communities, and our Lord Jesus better. This group serves mothers with school-aged children. Babysitting is not provided. This time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship is reserved for mothers only.

Any questions, please reach out to Armi Clancy / Beth Mainardi (TheFeminineGeniusProject@gmail.com)

**ATTENTION MEN** – A 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 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.



### HEALING MASS

For all who are in need of healing; spiritual, physical, mental or emotional, there will be a Healing Mass on Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 am sponsored by the Christian Care Committee. All are invited to attend.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Pilgrimage**  
National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA  
**When:** Sunday, April 28th, 2019  
**Meeting Place:** Park & Ride, Parsippany  
(Corner Rt 46 E & Beverwick Road)  
**Assembly Time:** 6:30 am / **Departure Time:** 700 am  
**Return Time:** 8:30 pm / **Donation:** \$40.00  
**Payable To:** Becky Smorra  
48 Dogwood Trail, Randolph, NJ 07869  
**For more information & reservations,** please call:  
Becky Smorra 973-361-3891 or 862-432-0072  
Email: rsmores@hotmail.com  
Annie & Michael Biehl @ 973-657-7142  
Email: abiehl@optonline.net

### Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence:

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

### SAVE THE DATE—MAY 19th— 1:30 pm



The Sacred Heart Women’s Society will host a Rosary Tea to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary with the Rosary at St. Francis in Denville. The cost will be \$20 per person. More details to follow in the bulletin the weekend of May 5th.

**FATHER BRENDAN MURRAY ANNIVERSARY** – Our former parochial vicar, now pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Dover, Father Brendan J. Murray will celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Father will celebrate the Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 12 Noon followed by a reception in the parish’s Evangelization Center. The church is located at 4 Richards Avenue in Dover. If you plan to attend the reception please RSVP by April 18<sup>th</sup> via email: [50thmurray@gmail.com](mailto:50thmurray@gmail.com). HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FATHER BRENDAN – AD MULTOS ANNOS!!!

# Calendar of Events

## Monday, April 22

Parish Office & Divine Mercy Academy Closed

## Tuesday, April 23

Divine Mercy Academy Closed

7:45 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (Church)

## Wednesday, April 24

Divine Mercy Academy Closed

## Thursday, April 25

Divine Mercy Academy Closed

6:00 pm – First Holy Communion Rehearsal (Church)

## Friday, April 26

Divine Mercy Academy Closed

7:00 pm – The Catacombs (Parish Office)

## Saturday, April 27

10:00 am – First Holy Communion (Church)

## Sunday, April 28

9:00 am – RCIA (Parish Office)

9:15 am – Children's Liturgy (Hayes Hall)

11:45 am – RCIA (Parish Office)

2:00 pm – Divine Mercy Celebration (Church)

**GIFT FROM THE HEART** – I am happy to tell you that \$23,985.00.00 has been received to help finance the cost of repairing our church roof and cupola. I am praying to raise at least \$25,000 to cover the work to prevent further leaking near the altar. I was also told of the need to re-point the brickwork on the church chimney and to make it a deterrent to birds. I would also like to place a Cross on the top of the cupola to adorn the building. I am confident that we can reach this goal and so I appeal to all parishioners to make a donation, a gift from the heart, for our Cecilia! - Father Zig

**MASSES BEING OFFERED**—Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on East Main Street is offering the following Masses each month: POLISH MASS on the second Sunday of every month at 11:30 a.m. and LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM on the third Sunday of every month at 12 noon.

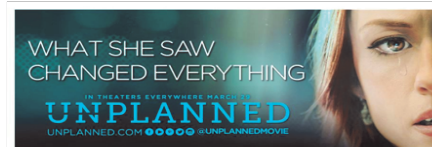


## DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY NEWS

Divine Mercy Academy is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Divine Mercy Academy is located at 87 Halsey Ave, Rockaway, 973.627.6003. We offer a safe, secure & compassionate environment with a high level of individualized attention; certified teachers; weekly liturgies & daily Religion class; academic curriculum with all core subjects; STEM; physical education; music; art; Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Before-care, after-care, and extracurricular activities are available.

Full Day & half day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs starting at \$2510/year; Full day Kindergarten through 8th grade tuition rates as follows: 1 child: \$5200; 2 children \$8500; 3 children or more: \$10,300 per year.

Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes!



The movie *Unplanned* is coming to theatres nationwide on March 29, 2019.

This movie is based on the true story of Abby Johnson's transformation from being one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation to becoming a pro-life advocate.

"The protection of the life of an unborn child must be a priority for all of us. The movie, 'Unplanned,' which I highly recommend, certainly underscores the power of our prayer and perseverance in this regard."

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
Bishop of Palm Beach

To learn more about the movie, visit [www.unplannedfilm.com](http://www.unplannedfilm.com) or the Facebook page @UnPlannedMovie.

## Respect Life Corner Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser



During Mother's Day weekend, May 11th & 12th, the Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry in partnership with Divine Mercy Academy, is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit several Crisis Pregnancy Centers and the Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry. On Mother's Day Weekend, we will distribute the baby bottles which we are asking you to fill with your spare coins or donations, and then to return them to St. Cecilia Church on the weekends of May 18th & 19th, and May 25th & 26th but no later than the weekend of June 1st & 2nd. A crib will be placed in the church foyers on those weekends, into which you may deposit the filled bottles. Checks should be made payable to St. Cecilia Church noting in the memo line that it is for the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser. Your participation and generosity in this very worthwhile endeavor is greatly appreciated. At all other times you may drop the bottles off at the Parish Office. We ask that you return all of the bottles whether or not they have been used. Thank you!



My Dear Parishioners!

CHRIST IS RISEN! Our response is, TRULY HE IS RISEN! This is the greeting Christians have used when meeting one another during the Easter season to express their faith in the One who conquered death by His Holy Resurrection. Today we gather on the Lord's Day as we do each week to celebrate this event which is the cornerstone of our faith. The Apostle Paul wrote in his first correspondence to the Corinthians, "...if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (15:14)

With the gift of faith one comes to the holy sacrament of Baptism. This sacrament is celebrated with great joy at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. Catechumens who have been schooled in the faith and under the care of their sponsors are baptized, chrismated (confirmed) and eucharistized (First Communion) in one ensemble at this "Mother of All Liturgies." Likewise candidates who seek the sacraments of confirmation and/or Eucharist are brought into full communion with the Church at the Holy Night. Again, the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans wrote: *"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a Resurrection like His."* (6:3-6)

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal gives the instruction that on Easter Sunday the faithful are to renew their Baptismal Promises in which they rejected Satan and all the evils associated with him, as well as reaffirming their faith in Christ and His Holy Church. The sprinkling of the faithful with blessed Easter Water is a wonderful sign of the life-giving waters which washed us at our Baptism. The rite of sprinkling with holy water is a feature of the Sunday Masses during the 50 days of the Easter season which replaces the penitential rite which normally begins the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.

Beginning on Saturday morning we will witness the first of four Masses at which a group of our children will receive their First Holy Communion. No doubt a joyous day for them and their families, as well as for us! These children will come to the Lord's Altar because of the faith of their parents. Mom and dad are crucial in the handing down of the faith. I pray that all of our parents will be diligent in their Christian duty of maintaining and strengthening the faith at home, a place we call the DOMESTIC CHURCH.

Next Sunday is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. We have a wonderful program of praise which begins in the church at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Also, next Sunday registration will take place for the fall religious education classes for our children. You may have heard that a new confirmation policy will be going into effect. Mr. Jim Clancy will share this information with you! HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

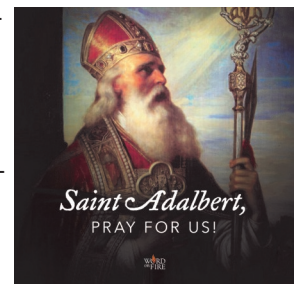
Father Zig

**ST. ADALBERT, Bishop and Martyr  
The Same Day—April 23**

ADALBERT (whose Czech name is Vojtech) was born in Bohemia around the year 956 and completed his studies in Magdeburg. Returning home, he became a priest and eventually the second Bishop of Prague in 983.

After expanding his diocese to include Moravia, he labored to eradicate pagan customs in it. A feud between rival political factions hindered his work, so he went to Rome and became a Benedictine at the Abbey of Sts. Alexis and Boniface.

Returning to Prague at the people's request, Adalbert found the same situation and went back to Rome. Heeding the call of the Polish Duke Boleslaw the Great, the Saint undertook to evangelize the Prussians. He met with fierce resistance and was martyred on April 23, 997.



*PRAYER God, You bestowed the crown of martyrdom on St. Adalbert, You Bishop, who was animated by zeal for souls. By his intercession, grant that pastors may not be without their flocks' obedience nor flocks without their pastors' care. Amen.*

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