

# 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

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 @ 6:15 pm  
Any time by appointment

**Susan Brennan**  
TRUSTEE

**James Gallagher**  
TRUSTEE

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism can be made by calling Fr. Matt at extension 15.

## 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 @ 973-627-0313.

**EMERGENCY PHONE:**  
**862-251-3914**

## PARISH PRAYER LIFE

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

Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass

HOLY HOUR : Monday @ 7:00 pm (Beginning Sept. 21st)

### RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION— FOR ADULTS:

Please contact Jim Clancy @ 973-627-0313

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 2:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 to 1:00

# Mass Intentions

## Monday, November 23, St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot

6:30 am — Margaret V. O'Brien

8:00 am — Mary Kulawiec req. by Tanya Nellen

## Tuesday, November 24, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 am — Emil Szot req. by the St. Cecilia Seniors

8:00 am — Mary Kulawiec req. by Jeanne Gallagher

## Wednesday, November 25, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

6:30 am — Daniel O'Brien

8:00 am — Mary Kulawiec req. by Mary Ellen & Matt Molnar

## Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am — For the Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church

## Friday, November 27, Weekday

8:00 am — Joanna & Walter Lech req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

## Saturday, November 28, Weekday

8:00 am — Helen Vitcuskey req. by Roberta Vitcuskey

## Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm — Diane Milo req. by Angela Goritski & Susan Brennan

Tom Degnan req. by Margaret McKinney

7:00 pm — Mary Kulawiec req. by Gertrude Simmons

Linda Struble req. by Lee Ann & Marty Mackin

8:00 am — Gildo Tironi req. by Bob & Tom Benjamin

9:15 am — Sister Ursula Carr req. by Barbara Quinby

Mary Kulawiec req. by Takacs Family

10:45 am — Tom Degnan req. by Blanche Gray

Judith Decker req. by the Garfano & Gonzalez Families

12:15 pm — Elizabeth Hiler req. by Paul Hiler

Linda Struble req. by Maryann & Bill O'Keefe

## ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

### Week Ending : November 15, 2020

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 8,598.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 3,830.53
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	<u>\$ 12,428.53</u>

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 839,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,901.96

<i>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>\$ (708.72)</i>
<i>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>\$ (1,939.91)</i>

## THE WORD OF GOD

160: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, will be celebrated in the church at 9 o'clock in the morning (if warranted, Mass will also be celebrated in Hayes Hall at the same time). The 6:30 and 8 o'clock Masses will not be celebrated on Thanksgiving. **ALSO, THE 6:30 AM MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>!** Only one Mass that day at 8 a.m.!!

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**—A revised Christmas Mass schedule will be published in next Sunday's bulletin.



Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Goricca, Sam Sessa, Carol Ferrante, Jim Golden, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, 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, Jim Rattay, 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, Victoria Santana, 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, Marion Cables, Patricia Smith Schulman, Vincent Fortunato, Joyce Turner, Tom Cummiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Brian Bosworth, Dennis Dilger, Robyne LaGrotta, Dave Lewis, Christopher Darlak, Frieda Solow, Claudia Fontanella, Jimmy Carroll, Claire Wasacz, Peggy Traino, Emilio Viola, James Deegan, Diann Bulfone, Martha Salvesen, Robyn Duvall, Ramiro Hinojosa, Jimmy Buckley, Emily Gatzke, Clare Desmond, Rosemary DeFilippo, Craig Huffman, Paul Kurceski, George Stitik.



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

**WELCOME BISHOP** – Today we welcome His Excellency, the Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, Bishop of Paterson on his first pastoral visit to Saint Cecilia Church. It is especially an honor to have the Bishop with us on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the feast of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr. It is with joy that I also welcome Father Peter Tran, a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who serves the Vietnamese community at Saint Cecilia's. Father Tran will concelebrate the 12:15 p.m. Mass today with our parish priests. We are honored to have a representative from the Vietnamese community participate in the Holy Mass. "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" – Father Zig

**FLOCKNOTE**—If you haven't signed up for FLOCKNOTE please do so today. It's easy, it's confidential and it keeps you instantly informed of significant parish events. Notices can be sent as a text to your cell phone or email to your computer. Stay with the flock, stay informed!

**CEMETERY MASS** – Holy Mass to celebrate the Lord's Day will take place at the parish cemetery (across from Parks Lake) Sunday afternoon at 12:15. In the event of inclement weather the Mass will be celebrated in the church. Please bring a lawn chair and a hat for the sun. (The other Masses for the weekend will be celebrated in the church.)

**PARKING AT THE CEMETERY**— I thank God that we are able to celebrate the liturgy at the parish cemetery and I plan to continue this practice until the weather turns cold. I ask for your cooperation in parking at the cemetery. One of the neighbors has reported to me that parishioners are parking on his lawn and has asked that this practice would cease. Also it has been reported to me that some are parking too close to the edge of the road causing a traffic problem in front of the cemetery. Please obey all parking and traffic laws so that we do not get into trouble. FATHER ZIG

**The Feminine Genius Project:** A prayer and discussion ministry for mothers. We will meet every first and third Saturday of the month in the parish office from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. This group serves mothers with school age children. For more information, please contact Armi Clancy at [armicielo.clancy@gmail.com](mailto:armicielo.clancy@gmail.com)

"The feminine genius is needed  
wherever we make important  
decisions."

Pope Francis

**BEWARE OF SCAMS** – Be on the alert of scams which say they are from me. THEY ARE NOT!!! Please call me at the office (973.627.0313x12) if you have doubt about a text, email, etc, which is supposedly from me asking for money, gift cards, etc. PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!!! – Father Zig

**CHECK OUT SOCIETIES REPORT ON PARISH WEBSITE**—Please go to the St. Cecilia web-site ([st-cecilia.org](http://st-cecilia.org)) to find a video report regarding our parish societies and their fall activities. There will be a report from the Rosary Society, the Men's Society, and the St. Monica Guild. Hear what will happen and not happen in our parish for the remainder of 2020 on this video presentation.

**ALL SOULS MONTH** – In our Catholic piety the month of November is the Month of All Souls in which we remember the faithful departed. The names of the newly departed (from November 1, 2019 to November 1, 2020) will be displayed at the altar of St. Joseph. The All Souls Day envelopes may be placed in the receptacle located there. ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES WHICH ARE INSCRIBED WITH THE NAMES OF THE DEPARTED WILL REST ON THE MAIN ALTAR DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER SO THAT THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED AT THE MASSES DURING THIS TIME. (Due to Covid-19, inscribing the names of the departed into the Book of the Dead will not be available this year.)

**FEAST OF SAINT CECILIA** – Today, Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> is the feast of our patroness, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr. Today is also the Solemnity of Christ the King which takes prominence over our patronal feast. However, we will pay tribute to Saint Cecilia with an instrumental presentation which will take place in the church prior to the Mass beginning at 11:45 a.m. come early to hear the beautiful sounds which will be raised for the glory of God and in honor of Cecilia. (Saint Cecilia is the patroness of church music.) At the conclusion of Mass Bishop Sweeney will bless us with the relic of Saint Cecilia.





# November


**Monday, November 23**

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Monday Night Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

**Tuesday, November 24**

7:00 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Confirmation Class (Church)

**Wednesday, November 25**
*DMA & Parish Office close at noon*
**Thursday, November 26**
*Thanksgiving*
*DMA & Parish Office closed*
**Friday, November 27**
*DMA & Parish Office closed*

7:00 pm—Catacombs (Hayes Hall)

8:30 pm—Arise (Hayes Hall)

**Saturday, November 28**
**Sunday, November 29**

**NEXT SUNDAY** – We begin the new Liturgical Year 2021 next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. The Cycle B Lectionary will be used throughout the year in which the Gospel of Mark and the Gospel of John will be proclaimed. Cycle 1 Lectionary will be used for the daily readings at Holy Mass. The liturgical color for Advent is purple and the Gloria is not said during the Sunday Masses. The Advent Wreath will be lighted for the weeks leading up to the Solemnity of Our Lord's Nativity.

**OPLATEK** – Oplatek, Christmas wafers used for the traditional Christmas Eve Supper, are available at the altar of Saint Joseph. Your offering will be appreciated and can be placed in the basket located near the oplatek.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS** – The sacrament of penance will be celebrated in the church on Saturday morning, December 12 and 19, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Our priests will be available for confessions at this time in addition to the afternoon schedule beginning at 3:30. Let us prepare our souls for the coming of Our Lord at the Christmas celebration.

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

Gift Cards are available for purchase through the school and the parish office. Please help support this fund-raiser! Thank you

## Divine Mercy Academy News

### DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY

Pre-K through 8th Grade

See the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes! 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; strong enrollment in all grades; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Before-care and aftercare activities available. Here at DMA, we are busy preparing our school buildings in accordance with CDC and state guidelines so that we will be ready to open our buildings and resume on-site, in-person learning this fall! We are also enhancing our already excellent remote learning programs in the event we need to move to a remote or hybrid model at any point next year.

Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs starting at \$2600/ year. Kindergarten through 8th grade in-parish tuition rates as follows: 1 child: \$5370 - 2 children: \$8790 - 3 or more children: \$10,650 per year. Visit our website for virtual tours and registration information. Call 973-627-6003 or email

[office@dmrockaway.org](mailto:office@dmrockaway.org) if you have any questions about our programs. Currently accepting applications.

87 Halsey Ave., Rockaway, NJ [www.dmarockaway.org](http://www.dmarockaway.org)  
973-627-6003

Also on Facebook & Instagram

### **2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “ Love Thy Neighbor ”**

This time of year, as we plan to celebrate Thanksgiving, our thoughts & prayers will be for all those who passed away from the coronavirus and the many families impacted. It will be for those on the frontlines of COVID-19 who selflessly care for so many. It will be for all who may be hurting in some way. In our own diocese, tens of thousands of your neighbors in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with help from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response. Please make a pledge to our Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org)

**Catholic Home Missions—Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today!** Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions)

**FUNDING OUR REPAIRS** – The work on reconstructing the parking lot drain has been completed along with the removal of the dead tree from the parking lot and the work on the rectory roof. Paying for these projects is indeed costly. I am happy to announce that as of this date \$28,030.00 has been donated to our repairs fund from 82 parish households. I hope that more of our parishioners will join in making a contribution so that these expenses can be paid. This is especially important during this time of decreased numbers at Sunday Mass and as a result, decreased offerings. Please consider making a donation as soon as possible. I am counting on your support! God bless you!! – Father Zig

**ADVENT RETREAT** – “*Advent with Mary: Virgin and Mother*” is the title of this year’s Advent retreat which will take place on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The morning retreat will be presented by Sister Diane, Sister John Paul and Sister Paulina. This year’s retreat will be virtual with participants viewing the retreat on our parish website from 9 to 11 a.m. Retreatants are invited to attend the 8 o’clock morning Mass in church and then return home for the retreat program on line. The Sisters have prepared a wonderful morning of prayer, presentations, videos and in-house discussions which will ready you for the holy season of Advent and beyond.

**FOOD DRIVE** – Many thanks to all those who regularly support the food drive which is ongoing throughout the year to help stock the Rockaway Food Closet. Your generosity comes to the aid of our needy residents and is a great blessing for them. May the Lord richly reward you!

**WINTER POLICY** - Now that we are in the midst of the winter season please be aware of the following: In the event of inclement weather and Divine Mercy Academy is closed, the parish office will be closed and the church will be open **ONLY** for the liturgical service scheduled. Also, all evening events will be cancelled.

**ADVENT TREE PROJECT** – Due to Covid 19 restrictions this year’s Advent Tree project will take on a different format. You are asked to participate and help those who come to the Father English Community Center, run by Catholic Charities, for assistance. Please check the needed items and bring them UNWRAPPED to the designated areas in the church (or bring them to the parish office) prior to December 20<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord bless your generous Christmas spirit!

### **RCIA 2020-2021**

#### **(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

RCIA is a program for adults that are interested in being received into the Catholic Church via Baptism, Holy Communion, or Confirmation. If you or someone you know has for whatever reason never received one of these sacraments, and would like to enter into the fullness of the Catholic Church, please reach out! This is a small group that works with each candidate to help prepare them for the reception of the sacraments and the fullness of participation in the life of the church. The program includes weekly classes on Thursday evenings from October through April.

For more information, please contact Jim Clancy at [StCecilia.FaithFormation@gmail.com](mailto:StCecilia.FaithFormation@gmail.com).

### **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.

Call the Parish Office 973-627-0313

~Offering \$15.00~

**MASSES IN TWO LOCATIONS** – Holy Masses to celebrate the Lord’s Day will be offered at the same time in two locations: the church and Hayes Hall. You have to option to decide where you would like to go for Mass when you enter the building. The Sunday 12:15 pm Mass will continue to be celebrated at the parish cemetery for as long as possible. A FLOCKNOTE will be sent out if the Mass will not take place at the cemetery due to weather condition.

**THE CHOSEN** – A wonderful series on the life of Jesus is in production titled, The Chosen. Additional information regarding this series can be found by going on line and searching for, “The Chosen”. You can also download a free app regarding this series. – Father Zig

**PRIESTS WILL MAKE HOUSE CALLS** – Father Matt, Father Adam and I are available to make house calls to our parishioners with the sacraments (penance, Eucharist and holy anointing). Please call the parish office (973.627.0313) and leave your information and we will be happy to visit you and pray with you. We will come and observe all the protocols that are recommended by the health officials. – Father Zig



My dear parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day we observe the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King and the Feast of our Patroness, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr. What a wonderful Sunday it is indeed as we welcome our new Bishop, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, Bishop of Paterson. This will be Bishop Sweeney's first visit to Saint Cecilia's and we are truly blessed that he comes to us on our patronal feast day.

Today's Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King marks the final Sunday of the 2020 Liturgical Year. Next Sunday we welcome the 2021 Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new year of grace. As we mark the end of the year the Scriptural texts for today remind us of the "Day of the Lord," that great and glorious day when the Lord Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead. The Gospel reading from the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Saint Matthew's Gospel describes what that day will look like and the criterion which will be used to divide the righteous from the wicked. On that day mercy will cease and divine judgment will prevail.

As we see in the Gospel account judgment is based upon how we respond to the needs of others. Our parish family is the primary place where we are regularly reminded and encouraged to be Christ-like to all in need. It is at the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist that we are sent forth to minister in Jesus' Name in word and deed. As a community of faith we spur one another on to good works as we praise the Lord for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Our parish is named in honor of the Virgin and Martyr Cecilia. Her short biography appears in today's bulletin for your information. An interesting point regarding our patroness is that she evangelized her pagan husband and her brother-in-law. Cecilia's faith was strong and vibrant which resulted in her husband and brother-in-law becoming saints (St. Valerian and St. Tiburtius—their feast day is April 14). We need to model ourselves after her.

The Church has always done its best evangelization when it cares for those in need. I am so thankful to the Lord for the faith which defines our parish. Your faith is sung so beautifully in the generosity which flows from the support you show the church and the many requests which are made throughout the year to help those in need. I am humbled to serve as your pastor. Your good example gives me encouragement and delight.

**HAPPY FEAST DAY MY GOOD PEOPLE! THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF SAINT CECILIA MY THE LORD PROTECT US AND BLESS US!**

Father Zig

**ST. CECILIA, Virgin and Martyr  
November 22—Patroness of Musicians**

According to her legendary Acts, Cecilia was a native of Rome. At an early age she made a vow of virginity, but her parents forced her to marry a nobleman named Valerian. She converted him to the Faith of Christ, and, by the Providence of God, preserved her virginity. She also converted Tiburtius, the brother of Valerian. Both these men suffered martyrdom for the Faith, and St. Cecilia died the same glorious death a few days after. Their death occurred probably in the reign of Marcus Aurelius or of Commodus, between the years 161 and 192.

The name of St. Cecilia has always been most illustrious in the Church, and since the primitive ages it has been mentioned in the Canon of the Mass (First Eucharistic Prayer). She is honored as the patroness of ecclesiastical music.

**PRAYER** Lord, hear our requests. Through the intercession of Cecilia, please grant what we ask. Amen.



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