Saint Cecilia Parish

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MASSES

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
Saturday @ 3:30—4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm (when Mass is celebrated in the church) & Monday during Holy Hour 7:00—8:00 pm

Susan Brennan
TRUSTEE

James Gallagher
TRUSTEE

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

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
RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION— FOR ADULTS:
Please contact Jim Clancy @ 973-627-0313
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Monday through Sat. @ 7:30 am
FEMININE GENIUS PROJECT: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 7:00 am in the parish office.
ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 6:00 am in the parish office

Parish Summer Office Hours:
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30—4:30
(Lunch 12:00—1:00)
Friday: Closed
June 25 until Labor Day weekend

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 2, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
6:30 am—For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am—Sai Thi Mai

Tuesday, August 3, Weekday
6:30 am— Zenobia Hudson
8:00 am— Fr. Jean Claude St. Martin

Wednesday, August 4, Saint John Vianney, Priest
6:30 am— Msgr. Charles Powers
8:00 am— Samantha Garcia

Thursday, August 5, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
6:30 am—Craig Slanovec req. by the McDonnell Family
8:00 am—Mary E. & Mary T. Jozwiak

Friday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord
6:30 am— Marianne Altieri
8:00 am— Arthur Johnson req. by his wife, Salley Johnson

Saturday, August 7, Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest; BMV
8:00 am—Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Sunday, August 8, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm— Stanley & Ann Paluba req. by Stella Rychlicki
Esther Donovan req. by Rich & Carol Takacs
7:00 pm— Rebeca Valenzuela Zea req. by the Rivera Family
8:00 am— Bride & Albert Byrne req. by John & Margaret Byrne & Family
9:15 am— Sr. Christina Marie Cables
10:45 am— Madeline Lusardi req. by her husband
Anthony Lusardi
Renato Sebastian & Antonita DeJesus req. by Family
12:15 pm—Georgie Alonzo req. by the Basanese Family
Raymond Coady req. by Sue & Family

St. Cecilia Church Collection Goals
Week Ending: July 25, 2021

Due to the early publication of the bulletin, the collections totals for the week will be shown next week.
Thank you!

THE WORD OF GOD
113: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54
Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

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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! Go to the St. Cecilia web-site to join.

Please PRAY *for the sick of our parish and their caregivers*

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Gorcica, 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, George Stitik, Stephen Goordman, Cecilia Donofrio, Deidra Zink, Ray Wiest, Anthony Pane, Victoria Zuber, Keith Newman.

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

SUNDAY MASS LOCATIONS – Holy Mass in observance of the Lord's Day will be celebrated in the church and the parish cemetery. Our schedule is as follows: SATURDAY – The 4:30 Mass will be celebrated in the church. The 7 o'clock Mass will be celebrated at the parish cemetery. In the event of inclement weather the Mass will be celebrated in the church. SUNDAY – The 8 o'clock, 9:15 and 10:45 Masses will be celebrated in the church. The 12:15 Mass will be celebrated at the parish cemetery. In the event of inclement weather the Mass will be celebrated in the church. A FLOCKNOTE will be sent out at Noon on Saturday to provide information regarding the outdoor Masses if the weather is inclement. (Sign up for FLOCKNOTE, go to the parish website for information.)

CAN YOU HELP? – Perhaps you may have noticed, our sound system in the church is in need of replacement. After many service calls and evaluation of our current system it has been recommended that a new sound system be installed. Sound quality is an important feature for our worship and therefore we will be purchasing a new microphone system for the church as soon as the equipment is available and the scheduling of the work possible. As your pastor, I come to you to ask for your help in the payment of this unforeseen expense of $20,000. If all of us make a contribution this will be "a piece of cake." You may want to contribute whatever if costs you to go to a restaurant for a "good dinner." I know I can count on your generosity. Whatever you can do I really appreciate it and I know that the Lord will reward your generosity. Your donation can be placed in an envelope with the designation, "SOUND SYSTEM" or by writing on the check memo, 'SOUND SYSTEM." Thank you, my good people! – Father Zig

GOLF OUTING – The Sisters of Christian Charity seek your support in their golf outing which will be held on Thursday, September 30th at the beautiful Cedar Hill Golf and Country Club in Livingston, NJ. The Sisters of Christian Charity (3 of their Sisters live in our parish convent) work tirelessly in schools, parishes, women's centers, healthcare facilities, Assumption College for Sisters and Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center. Please register for the golf outing on line at www.scceast.org/golf-outing or call 973.714.5614.

SAVE THE DATE: Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, **November 20th** from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in St. Cecilia Church Hayes Hall. For further information, please email: saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS – Father Matt and I would like to update our First Friday Communion Call list. Both of us will continue our practice of visiting the homebound with the sacraments every month on the First Friday. The visits begin at about 9:30 am and normally conclude by noon. Please call the parish office (973.627.0313) to add your name or another's to our ***First Friday Visitation List***. We are happy to visit you! – Father Zig

Are you going into the hospital? Do you have a family member in the hospital? We would like to visit our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or other health care facilities. Because of patient confidentiality laws, the only way we can know is if someone informs us. Please call our parish office @ 973.627.0313. Thank you!

THE CHOSEN—I highly recommend a series on the life of Jesus entitled "The Chosen". The series is in its second season and may be viewed by installing a free app on your cell phone. Just go to the app store and type in "The Chosen" for free viewing. The actor who plays Jesus is a devout Catholic and I am sure you will find the series of great spirit benefit. It is well worth it! - Fr. Zig

Divine Mercy Academy News

Help Wanted

Divine Mercy Academy, a PreK3 to Grade 8 elementary school located in Rockaway has multiple openings for teaching positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Proper certification required. Available positions include:

- Early Childhood Teacher
- Fifth Grade Teacher
- Middle School Math & Science
- School Nurse

If interested, please contact Annie Mitchell, Principal at principal@dmarockaway.org or call 973-627-6003.

In addition, please send your cover letter, resume, and certifications to principal@dmarockaway.org

Applicants must also apply through the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson using the procedure and application found in this link:

https://patdioschools.org/teacher-employment-forms

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!!!

Monday, August 2
Tuesday, August 3
7:00 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Meeting (Church)
Wednesday, August 4
Thursday, August 5
Friday, August 6
Parish Office closed
Saturday, August 7
Mission Appeal
Sunday, August 8
Mission Appeal

Our Diocesan-wide Corpus Christi Food Drive will conclude on Monday August 2nd, but there is still time to feed the hungry throughout our diocese.
Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus to make a monetary donation or for more information about this important effort. Here you can find our parish and shop for items of great need. You may also email: Info@ccpaterson.org or call 973-737-2077 ext. 403 with any questions. Thank you for supporting this important effort during this critical time. God Bless you all!

Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage

All people are welcome and encouraged to partake in the Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage hosted by the Diocese of Paterson to celebrate the year of St. Joseph. To participate, visit insidethewalls.org/go2stjoe and print the pilgrimage passport. You then have until December 8th to visit 7 of the 11 locations listed on the passport. Full details can be found on the website.

The Joy of Love & Family Conference

The Diocese of Paterson, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Arch/Dioceses in New Jersey, will sponsor "The Joy of Love & Family," a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis. Beginning on June 24, the series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information, including the full speaker line up and talk titles, is available on www.lightingheartsonfire.org, where you can also sign up to receive notifications. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @dioceseofpaterson for continued updates!

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

Faith Formation 2021-2022

Welcome back! We have missed you!

Registration is now open for all programs. Please see the parish website for program details, printable registration forms, and a calendar of classes for the upcoming year. If you have questions about registration, please contact Jim Clancy at StCecilia.FaithFormation@gmail.com.

Volunteer teachers are also needed. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jim Clancy.

- First Communion sacrament prep for 2nd graders
- Confirmation sacrament prep for 7th & 8th graders
- Catechesis for all children and families ages 5 and up
- Youth Ministry—middle school & high school
- Weekly Bible Studies
- RCIA

MISSIONARY GUEST – Next weekend the annual MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL will take place in our parish. We welcome Father Michael Carson to Saint Cecilia's. Father comes to us from the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico and will be speaking at all the Masses informing us about the missionary activity which we are encouraged to support with our prayers and resources. The Lord will indeed bless your generosity.

AWAY – Father Matt is away on vacation and will be returning to our parish on August 20th. Deacon Angel is away on vacation and will be returning to our parish on August 24th. We pray that their time with their family will bring them refreshment and rest.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN – The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday (evening) and Sunday, August 14 and 15. The green vestments of Ordinary Time are placed aside for the color white. The reading from the 6th chapter of the Gospel of John is interrupted for the lections for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Mother of God.

RCIA 2021-2022
(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.

Sacred Heart/St. Cecilia Rosary Society will hold their first monthly meeting on **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. All Rosarians are asked to assemble in the church at 7:30 am for the Rosary followed by Mass and Novena. After Mass, we will meet in Hayes Hall. Parishioners interested in joining the Rosary Society, you are more than welcome to attend. Contact Pat via email at pattyannmarie64@yahoo.com or by phone at 973.627.1732 if you are interested or have any questions.

VOTIVE CANDLES – The Saint Padre Pio votive candle room has reopened after being closed since last March due to the pandemic. You are once again able to enter and light a candle for prayer. I ask that no more than 2 persons be in the room at the same time so that we can maintain social distancing. Please do not sit in the votive candle room during Holy Mass. – Father Zig

SENIOR CITIZENS—The St. Cecilia Senior Citizens organization is hoping to resume meeting in Hayes Hall following Labor Day. Notification will be sent regarding the start up date. The meeting location will be finalized after consultation with school officials and Father Zig, our Pastor.

Joey Bella Memorial Fund September Events: The Joey Bella Memorial Fund, Inc. will host their annual fundraisers in September this year. For more information regarding The Joey Bella Memorial Fund, please visit their website at joeybella.org or email at info@joeybella.org or message them on Facebook.

LAY MINISTRIES TO RESUME – Since March 11, 2020 many things associated with our "normal" practice had ceased as a result of the world-wide pandemic. Likewise at Saint Cecilia's many things stopped functioning all together as we knew it. Our religious sisters, who live in our convent, had accepted my request for their assistance in serving as lector, acolyte and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for our daily and weekend liturgies. Sister Diane, Sister John Paul and Sister Paulina are faithful servants and have been of great support to the parish. I have asked the Sisters to continue serving in these ministries for the summer**. After Labor Day I would like to return to parishioners filling the mentioned liturgical ministries.** Since these ministries have not had lay participation in more than a year, I cannot assume that those who served in these ministries prior to the pandemic are willing and available to return. Therefore, I would ask all those interested in serving as a lector, altar server or extraordinary to please call the parish office (973.627.0313) to register. I will meet with each ministry right after Labor Day to discuss our procedures. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.
Let's get back to normal! – Father Zig

***Summer Community Nights*—**Looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend your summer nights? Come to the parish for our new Summer Community Nights! A casual community event that includes a fire pit and free hot dogs, water, and ice pops. Bring your own lawn chair and other food / drinks. If available, children can use the field or the open gym.
Join the 7:00 pm Mass at the cemetery, then go to the parish for Community Night. Saturdays from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the parish parking lot. Starting on July 10th and continuing through August 21st. Weather permitting. This is a free event and is open to ALL PARISHIONERS!

SAINT JOSEPH HOLY HOUR—The monthly Saint Joseph Holy Hour will take place on **Wednesday, August 18th** at 8 o'clock in the evening in the church. The next episode of the series, "In the Breach," produced by the Knights of Columbus on male spirituality will be shown followed by 20 minutes of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST SATURDAY: DAY OF DISCERNMENT – College age young men and above are invited to come to the diocesan House of Discernment (913 Birch Street, Boonton) on Saturday, August 7th at 10 a.m. for prayer and discussion regarding vocation, "what is God calling me to." The day will include Holy Mass, Holy Hour with the praying of the Rosary, lunch and social time. For additional information please contact: Father Ed Rama (cell) 973.997.2527 or Erama@Patersondiocese.org.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear parishioners,
Today we observe the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time in our celebration of the Lord's Day. We continue with our reading from the 6th chapter of the Gospel of Saint John known as "the Bread of Life Discourse." After having fed the multitude with just a few bread and fish some from the crowd come to Jesus looking for more signs (miracles). The Lord Jesus responds by introducing them to the Eucharist, the ultimate miracle which will nourish them with the promise of eternal life.
In the Old Testament lection for today from the Book of Exodus we find the liberated Jews complaining that they have nothing which will satisfy their hunger on their journey to the Promised Land. The Lord provides food and even special bread of which they ask, *"What is this? But Moses told them. 'This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."* This was the bread for the journey which would sustain them until they reached their destination.
What we read in the 6th chapter of the Gospel of John during these weeks speaks of our theology reading the Holy Eucharist (aka: Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament, Body and Blood of Christ, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, etc.). Another term for the Holy Eucharist is VIATICUM, which is Latin for "on the way." Viaticum is given to those who are dying and on their way to eternal life. This is holy food for the journey which keep us spiritually strong and in union with Christ our Savior. Filled with grace, the dying are ready to encounter the Lord who is our merciful Judge.
Each time we present ourselves for the reception of Holy Communion we should be mindful of the message the Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians as is found in today's epistle reading. In receiving the Eucharist we should be resolute in our efforts as the Apostle Paul wrote to *"put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."*
When we receive Holy Communion we should be mindful of the presence of the Lord Jesus within us by spending some time in prayer after receiving Communion, our union with the "Bridegroom of our soul." When returning to our pew we should kneel and pray that the Lord, who is present within our breast, will give us the grace and strength we need during the week to continue on our journey which will ultimately lead us to Him in the glory of heaven. This is not, *"food that perishes but the food that endures for eternal life."*
God bless you!
Father Zig

St. Lydia
August 3—Patroness of Dyers

St. Lydia was a woman of Thyatira in the district of Lydia, the west-central portion of the Roman province of Asia, a district famed for its purple dyes. She was living as a dealer in purple goods at Philippi when St. Paul first came to the city about the year 55. Till then she had been a "worshiper of God," the technical name for a partial convert to Judaism. Under the influence of St. Paul's powerful preaching she received Christian Baptism — together with her entire household. This conversion represents the first one mentioned in Europe.

Since Lydia was apparently a wealthy woman, she then insisted on providing hospitality for St. Paul and his companions Luke and Silas during their stay at Philippi. St. Luke later wrote a record of this event in his history of the early Church, known as the Acts of the Apostles (chapter 16, verses 11 to 15).

PRAYER Pour forth on us, Lord, that spirit of knowledge and love of You with which You filled Your handmaid, Lydia. Help us to serve You sincerely by closely imitating her and so please You by our Faith and works. Amen.

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