

# Saint Cecilia Parish

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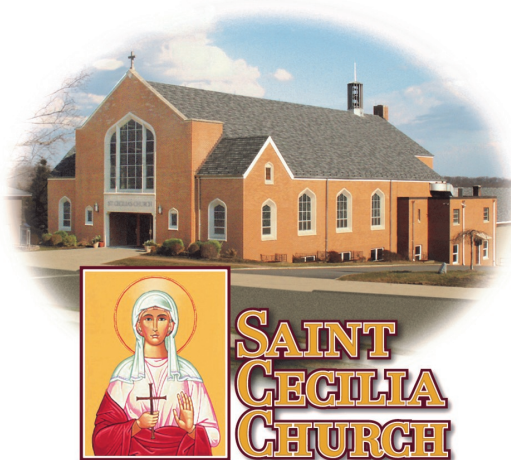
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## CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

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

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**

## 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

**Ms. Susan Brennan**  
TRUSTEE

**Mr. 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

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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: 1st Wednesday of the month;  
10:00 am in the church

## 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 1, All Saints

6:30 am — Special Intention for the St. Cecilia Parishioners

8:00 am — Special Intention for the St. Cecilia Parishioners

7:00 pm — Special Intention for the St. Cecilia Parishioners

### Tuesday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

6:30 am — For the Faithfully Departed

8:00 am — For the Faithfully Departed

12:15 pm — For the Faithfully Departed (at the cemetery)

### Wednesday, November 3, Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

6:30 am — Rose Peplowski req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am — Mary Petrusik & Sophie Martishek req. by Sophie Boylan

### Thursday, November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:30 am — For the Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church

8:00 am — Fran Kelly req. by the St. Cecilia Seniors

### Friday, November 5, Weekday

6:30 am — Anne Kilcomons req. by Fr. Zig & Fr. Matt

8:00 am — James Spilman req. by the Rockaway/Denville Catholic Respect Life Ministry

### Saturday, November 6, Weekday

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

### Sunday, November 7, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm — James O. Boyer req. by Family

Anne McCann req. by Frank & MaryAnne Votapek

7:00 pm — Lily Giustolisi

Jovelina Ribeiro da Silva Rocha req. by the Kelly Family

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

9:15 am — Cathy Byram req. by Diane & Family

Jeanne Kent req. by the Kling Family

10:45 am — Renato Sebastian & Antonita DeJesus req. by Family

12:15 pm — Danny Conklin req. by the Basanese Family

Anne Shea req. by the Servidio Family

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS:

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Goricca, Sam Sessa, Carol Ferrante, 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 Rat-tay, 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, 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 Cum-miskey, 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, Francis Sanchez, Raymond Fullam, Paul Waldek, Franco Maida, John Sandelli.

### ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

#### Week Ending : October 24, 2021

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 10,684.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 3,906.90
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	<u>\$ 14,590.90</u>

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 760,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 13,725.49

<b>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 865.41</b>
<b>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 462.77</b>

### THE WORD OF GOD

152: Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28  
Mk 12:28b-34

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR GENERAL ODIERNO

A memorial Mass for the newly departed, General Raymond T. Odierno, will be celebrated in our church on Saturday, November 13th at 10:30 am. General Odierno was born and raised at Saint Cecilia's and served our country with distinction in the United States Army. All are welcome to attend.



November 7, 2021



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

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** – Father Zig will serve as the spiritual director for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land sponsored by 206 Tours, February 28 to March 9, 2022. There are about 9 parishioners who have already registered for this pilgrimage which will be made up of people from throughout the United States. All information and registration must be done through 206 Tours and not the parish office. Please see the website at: [www.pilgrimages.com/frpeplowski](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frpeplowski). This 10 day pilgrimage is entitled, “Explore the Holy Land From Jerusalem” and is a Catholic tour with daily Mass and devotions at the holy sites.

**CYO Basketball** welcomes you to the upcoming 2021-2022 Basketball Season.

We are opening up registration for the following age groups:

Girls 5<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Boys 5<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Boys 7<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade

If you are interested in your son or daughter playing this season please email me at [CYOballRock-away@hotmail.com](mailto:CYOballRock-away@hotmail.com) and I will send you a registration form.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ROSARY** – On October 31<sup>st</sup> the “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month Rosary”, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 3359, will take place at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street beginning at 3 o’clock in the afternoon. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for the various intentions which will be brought forth. Let’s conclude OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY by praying as our Lady has asked us!

### SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE

If you would like to receive emails or text messages with important information regarding our parish life PLEASE SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE. This is all totally free for you to use, you don’t even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from here at St. Cecilia Church.

To register simply text SCC2020 to 84576 OR go to the home page of our website: [st-cecilia.org](http://st-cecilia.org) and there you will find other ways to register for this important communication tool.

**THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS** – November is the month of All Souls. During this time we especially pray for the faithful departed that they will quickly make their way to God through the assistance of our prayers. As is our tradition at Saint Cecilia’s, a place will be made available in front of the altar of Saint Joseph to deposit your All Souls Day Prayer Request Envelopes and to write the names of the departed in the Book of the Dead. The Prayer Request Envelopes will remain on the main altar during the month of November so that those names will be remembered at all the Masses celebrated during the month. Please remember your departed loved ones and friends who are depending on your prayers as they journey to the Heavenly Jerusalem. – Father Zig

### VOTE YOUR CATHOLIC VALUES ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd:

Tuesday, November 2nd is Election Day in NJ. All the seats are up for election: the Governor, all the NJ State Senators and Assembly Members. The US Catholic Conference of Bishops state in their letter *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*: “The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.”

**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!!! Fr. Zig

**Attention—Road Closure**—Installation of a new water main will begin on October 11th on Church Street from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm. This work will most likely interfere with access to the parish parking lot on Church Street. You are advised to enter the church parking lot near the school on Halsey Avenue. This work will take a number of days to complete.  
Fr. Zig

**Seniors:** Next meeting - November 2nd  
12:00 pm in Hayes Hall  
All Welcome!  
Bus Trip—Casino—November 9th  
For more information, please call  
Carol @ 973-537-5529

**ROCKAWAY FOOD CLOSET** – Saint Cecilia’s continues to support the ROCKAWAY FOOD CLOSET which is an ecumenical food pantry serving our community located at the First Presbyterian Church, our neighbors across the street. Your donation of food may be brought to Hayes Hall when you come to church. Your generosity is a blessing to those who are unable to adequately feed their families. May God bless you.



**Monday, November 1**

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:00 pm—Daily Life and the Scriptures (Hayes Hall)

**Tuesday, November 2**

9:30 am—Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

12:00 pm—Seniors Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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

**Wednesday, November 3**

10:00 am—Padre Pio Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

**Thursday, November 4**

6:00 pm—Alpha meeting (Hayes Hall)

**Friday, November 5**

6:00 pm—Generations of Faith (Hayes Hall)

**Saturday, November 6**

7:00 am—Feminine Genius Project (Parish Office)

8:30 am—Rosary Society Meeting (Hayes Hall)

3:00 pm—Catacombs Fire Retreat (DMA &amp; Hayes Hall)

**Sunday, November 7**

10:30 am—CCD Class (School)

3:30 pm—Vietnamese Community CCD (Hayes Hall)

**Divine Mercy Academy News**

**Divine Mercy Academy** in Rockaway is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. We offer full-day Kindergarten; full & half day Pre-K; after-care; STEM-based education; School Counselor; foreign language; music programs; extra-curricular activities; and are AdvancED accredited. We are currently providing full-day, in-person instruction, with a livestreamed remote learning option.

Our mission is to provide an academically excellent Catholic education, and to instill within our students the virtues of mercy and compassion, forming them as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you would like more information, please call 973-627-6003 or email [office@dmrockaway.org](mailto:office@dmrockaway.org).

**PASTA FUN** – Our school, Divine Mercy Academy, is conducting a fund raiser called *Fun Pasta*. Fun Pasta is healthy fun pasta shaped like the holidays, sports, collegiate team logos and more. This can make a great stocking stuffer for Christmas or that special gift for your Christmas party. For information please contact: [Jenni701@aol.com](mailto:Jenni701@aol.com) or 973.970.3371. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps to sustain Catholic education in Rockaway.

**SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS COAT DRIVE** – The Men's Society is sponsoring their annual SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS COAT DRIVE for the needy. You are asked to bring a new coat (or gently used, clean coat) to Hayes Hall on November 13-14<sup>th</sup> and place it at the location designated by the image of Saint Martin. The coats (gloves, scarves, hats) will be sent to the Market Street Mission in Morristown to be distributed to those in need. All coat sizes are appreciated; men, women and children. May the Lord bless you for your generosity. The feast of Saint Martin of Tours is November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com)

**Seton Hall Preparatory School**—New Jersey's oldest Catholic prep school will be hosting its annual Open House for 7th & 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 31st (Registration required at [www.shp.org/openhouse](http://www.shp.org/openhouse)). Visitors will tour the campus and our 44 acre Kelly Athletic Complex, our state of the art John J. Murphy' 52 Science Center, learn about the application process, and have the opportunity to meet with teachers coaches, parents, and current students. For more information, Please contact Michael T.Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at 973-325-6640 or visit [shp.org](http://shp.org). Hazard Zet Forward!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Advent Retreat, Saturday, December 4th in Hayes Hall after the 8:00 am Mass –Breakfast served. The presenter will be Suzanne Herold. Sponsored by The St. Monica Guild. Reservations & Questions please contact Pat Zayac at 973-625-4572.

**Daily life and the Scriptures** - Come take a Biblical walk through the Mass with Dr. Edward Sri Ascension Press. The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This study program begins November 1st and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>. To register, email Charles Malaniak at [cemalaniak@gmail.com](mailto:cemalaniak@gmail.com). Cost of the program is \$33.00 including Dr. Sri's Best Selling book *The Mass*, workbook and online access.

**ALPHA** – Come join us for ALPHA every Thursday evening beginning at 7 o'clock in Hayes Hall. We begin with food, fellowship and good conversation regarding topics of faith. All are welcome age 18 and up. You won't regret the experience!

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

**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](mailto:StCecilia.FaithFormation@gmail.com).

**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

**SAINT JOSEPH HOLY HOUR** – The monthly Saint Joseph Holy Hour will take place on **Wednesday, November 17th** 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.

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** – The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group has resumed and will meet each month on the first Wednesday of the month. The meetings will begin at 10 a.m. in the church with the praying of the Holy Rosary. Meditation material is sent every month to us from the International Padre Pio Prayer Center in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. The monthly meditation material may be found in the votive candle chapel (former baptistery) in our church. All are welcome to attend. The next gathering is Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SOUND SYSTEM REPORT** – I am happy to announce that we reached our goal of \$11,000 for the upgrade in the sound system for our church. The work will be started as soon as the materials arrive. I am hoping that we will have this task completed for Christmas. THANK YOU, once again, to all those who donated to this project. May Christ the Savior bless you for the generosity you have shown His Church. – Fr. Zig

**BISHOP AT ST. CECILIA'S FOR YOUTH** – His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney will come to our parish on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Mass and to meet with the teens and college students of our area. Mass will begin at 7 o'clock in the evening followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Witness talks will be given by youth representatives along with the Bishop sharing his message for the young people. I invite all of our high school and college students to attend! – Father Zig

**OUTDOOR SUNDAY MASS** – The 12:15 p.m. Sunday Holy Mass will be celebrated outdoors at the parish cemetery, weather permitting. In the event of rain the Mass will be celebrated in the church. A *FLOCKNOTE* will be sent out every Saturday at Noon time to indicate whether the Mass will be at the cemetery or in the church. We will continue with the outdoor Sunday Mass until it snows (last year we went just before Christmas). The Mass will not be celebrated outdoors if the temperature is below 40°. I once again encourage every parishioner to sign up for *FLOCKNOTE* to be informed!! – Father Zig

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** – Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Only one Mass will be celebrated on this day. The blessing and distribution of bread for your holiday dinner will be distributed at the Mass.

**NO 6:30 MASS** – The 6:30 a.m. Mass will not be celebrated on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Only one Mass will be celebrated on this day at 8 o'clock. The 6:30 a.m. Mass will resume on Monday, November 29th.

**OUR PATRONAL FEAST** – The feast of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, is Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Join us for the 8 o'clock morning Mass which will feature music and the blessing with the relic of Saint Cecilia, patron saint of church music.





My dear parishioners,

Today we commemorate the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time as we celebrate the Lord's Day. The Sacred Scriptures which are presented for our reflection this Sunday speak of the Commandments of God and of the High Priest, Jesus, who saves those who offer themselves in holiness of life. In the first lection from the Book of Deuteronomy Moses instructs the people to observe the Commandments by loving God so that they may experience the goodness of the Lord. In the Gospel lection we hear the Lord Jesus affirm the Commandments of God by summarizing them in two: love of God and love of neighbor. Jesus says that everyone who keeps these two "...are not far from the Kingdom of God." When these Commandments are observed we can offer our lives in sacrifice to God in the example of Jesus the High Priest.

Loving God and loving our neighbor go hand in hand. The Apostle John writes: *"And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also."* (1John 4:21) Our love for the Lord is demonstrated in such a marvelous fashion when we come to the assistance of those in need. Love shows itself in deeds of mercy and compassion. Faith in God reveals itself in the good works we perform in Jesus' Name. The Apostle James reminds us: *"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."* (James 2:16-17)

Today is a special and wonderful day within the Diocese of Paterson for we have yet another opportunity to put our faith into action by our participation in the annual **DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL** (formally known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal). Our participation in this appeal comes to the aid of so many of our brothers and sisters who are in need. The primary beneficiary of the appeal is Catholic Charities which funds our food pantries, shelters, homes for the disabled, programs for the addicted and so much more. Our aged priests who offered their lives in service to the Church are cared for in their old age. Even our young seminarians are helped through the appeal so that they may one day serve us as priests to minister in Jesus' Name.

Your participation in this annual appeal is one way of observing the Commandments the Lord Jesus says brings us into the Kingdom of God: Loving God and Loving our neighbor!

Saint Cecilia's is always so generous in this annual appeal. I don't doubt that it will be a repeat performance this year – and why – because your faith is so strong!!!

God bless you my good and generous people!

Father Zig

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, Religious**  
**November 3 - Patron of Hairdressers**

St. Martin de Porres was born at Lima, Peru, in 1579. His father was a Spanish gentleman and his mother an Indian woman from Panama. At fifteen, he became a lay brother at the Dominican Friary at Lima and spent his whole life there – as a barber, farm-laborer, almoner, and infirmarian among other things.

Martin had a great desire to go off to some foreign mission and thus earn the palm of martyrdom. However, since this was not possible, he made a martyr out of his body, devoting himself to ceaseless and severe penances. In turn, God endowed him with many graces and wondrous gifts, such as aerial flights and bilocation.

St. Martin's love was all-embracing, shown equally to humans and animals, including vermin, and he maintained a cats' and dogs' hospital at his sister's house. He also possessed spiritual wisdom, demonstrated in his solving his sister's marriage problems, raising a dowry for his niece inside of three days' time, and resolving theological problems for the learned of his Order and for Bishops. A close friend of St. Rose of Lima, this saintly man died on November 3, 1639 and was canonized on May 6, 1962, by Pope John XXIII.

**PRAYER** *God, You led St. Martin by the way of humility to heavenly glory. Help us to follow the example of his holiness and so become worthy to be exalted with him in heaven. Amen.*

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