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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 15, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

8:00 am — Ferd & Carolyn Weitzel req. by Sr. Marlene

Tuesday, November 16, Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

6:30 am — Helen Brussell req. by the McDonnell Family

8:00 am — John & Margaret Holleran

Wednesday, November 17, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:30 am — Margaret V. O'Brien

8:00 am — Alice & Daniel O'Brien

Thursday, November 18, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

6:30 am — For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am — Lorretta Benna req. by Sophie Boylan

Friday, November 19, Weekday

6:30 am — Theodore Jacobsen, 20 year Anv., req. by Darlene, Amanda & Tyler

8:00 am — Ralph DiMarcantonio, Sr., req. by DiMarcantonio Family

Saturday, November 20, Weekday

8:00 am — Dorothy Nielsen req. by her husband, Bob

Sunday, November 21, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 pm — John Brinkman req. by his wife, Barbara & Family
Bernard & Joan McDonnell req. by the McDonnell Family

Wayne Andersen req. by Rich & Carol Takacs

7:00 pm — Maryann & Anthony Casale

John Jandrasits req. by the Kelly Family

8:00 am — Mary & Milton Kulawiec req. by Family

9:15 am — James Russo req. by Paula & John Zator

Wladyslaw Ortyl req. by Dorota Marek

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

12:15 pm — Bill Gallagher req. by his Wife & Family

Joy Kniffin req. by the Basanese Family

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

Week Ending : November 7, 2021

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 7,881.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,696.75
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	<u>\$ 12,577.75</u>

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,147.74)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,992.44



*The Sanctuary Candle burning on our altar
this week is for in loving memory of*

Milton Kulawiec
req. by his Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS: Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Gorcica, 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 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, 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 Cumiskey, 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.

Our Condolences to the Family of:

Thomas Kulawiec

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord



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. 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

158: Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8-11 Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

OUR PATRONAL FEAST – The feast of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, is Monday, November 22nd. 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.



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 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



GIVING TUESDAY

WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

Visit our WeShare site or reach out to the
WeShare Customer Support team at 877-316-0260
<https://st-cecilia.churchgiving.com>

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

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 15

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

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

Tuesday, November 16

Divine Mercy Academy & Parish Office noon dismissal

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)

7:00 pm—Finance Council Meeting (Parish Office)

Wednesday, November 17

7:00 pm—St. Joseph Holy Hour (Church)

Thursday, November 18

Divine Mercy Academy & Parish Office noon dismissal

6:00 pm—Alpha meeting (Hayes Hall)

Friday, November 19

8:30 am—Setting up for tomorrow's Craft Fair (Hayes Hall)

Saturday, November 20

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

9:00 am—St. Monica Guild Craft Fair (Hayes Hall)

Sunday, November 21

10:30 am—CCD Class (School)

3:30 pm—Vietnamese Community CCD & Celebration of Community Mass (Hayes Hall & Church)

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.

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 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 13-14th 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 11th.

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

ADVENT RETREAT – This year's Advent retreat will take place in Hayes Hall on Saturday, December 4th beginning with the 8 o'clock morning Mass. The theme of this year's gathering is: **"GOD AMONG US: Celebrating the Incarnate God through the Arts."** The presenter will be Dr. Susan Herold. The retreat includes breakfast and will conclude at 11:30 a.m. The registration is \$25 per person. Checks should be made payable to: St. Cecilia Church and must be submitted no later than Wednesday, December 1st. For registration please call Pat Zayac at 973.625.4572 or the parish office at 973.627.0313.

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 30th. To register, email Charles Malaniak at cemalaniak@gmail.com. Cost of the program is \$33.00 including Dr. Sri's Best Selling book *The Mass*, workbook and online access.

2021 SIMBANG GABI - The 1st night of the traditional novena of Filipino Masses before Christmas will be celebrated at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish church on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 in the evening. Fr Joey Mactal will be the main celebrant. Fellowship and Filipino refreshment immediately follows Mass.

This traditional Filipino mass is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson. For more information or if you wish to help, please contact DCCFM President, Elmer Maximo at (973)664-1949. Maraming salamat po.

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 **Sunday mornings** from October through April. For more information, please contact Jim Clancy at 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, **December 1st**.

2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal
"Let Your Light Shine"

It is important that when you give to a charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary education and our priests' retirement residence. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal are returned to the parish directly for their own pastoral needs. Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. Please make a gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org.

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 25th 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 26th. 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.

ADVENT TREE – Our annual Advent Tree project will be up and ready for your participation on Sunday, November 28th. This year we will focus our efforts on the Father English Community Center in Paterson which is an agency of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson. You are asked to take a tag from the tree and return the gift which is indicated on the tag. All gifts should be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 12th and placed on the floor at either side altar. Father English Community Center serves the needs of homeless people and families in need. Your generosity will help to bring Christmas joy to those living in poverty. May God bless you! – Father Zig

ADORATION SIGN UP – Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, gifted the Universal Church with the **YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH** which will now come to a conclusion with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday, December 8th. We will close the Year of Saint Joseph with a day-long Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on December 8th. Parishioners are asked to sign-up for a 30 minute time slot to be in church for adoration before the Eucharist. The times designed will be from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6:30 in the evening. A sign up poster is located in the church vestibule for you to place your name. Families are encouraged to participate. You are welcome to sign up for more than a 30 minute time slot. – Father Zig

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: saintceciariasarysociety@gmail.com



My dear parishioners,

Today we observe the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. This is the final Sunday in which the liturgical color green will be used. Ordinary Time for this year is coming to a conclusion and with that the theme of the Lord's Second Coming is brought before us. In the Old Testament lection from the Book of Daniel the "end times" are prophesied and we read of the Archangel Michael's role at this time when time will be no more. The coming of the Lord of Hosts will occur and it will be introduced by the cosmic signs which are spoken of by the Lord Jesus in today's Gospel reading. Jesus, the SON OF MAN will come escorted in glory, He who is seated at the right hand of God as High Priest who sacrificed His life for our salvation.

Coming to the end is not always a pleasant experience and some regret it. But the end for which we look forward to will be the beginning of our eternal life with God. The Lord's Second Coming will inaugurate the coming of the Kingdom of God in all its glory. For the faithful this will be that for which we have awaited and yearned for. Unfortunately for those for whom the Lord was not a concern, dread and fear will seize their hearts.

Next Sunday we conclude the 2021 YEAR OF GRACE with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. As we look back upon the liturgical year that was, we give thanks that our God loves us so much as to send His Only Begotten Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, rescuing us from sin and death. We also thank the Lord for the blessings we received during the past year and pray that He will continue to send us His grace in the New Year which approaches.

The New Liturgical Year of 2022 begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28th. On the following three Sundays we will prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ, as well as for the Feast of His First Coming at Christmas. Advent will be the time of "new beginnings" when we will rejoice in the opportunity to prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior in a new and more vibrant manner. This new relationship will prepare us to see Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in our neighbors and in the various opportunities which will make His presence known through our good words and works.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Father Zig

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, Religious
November 17

St. Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207, the daughter of Alexander II, King of Hungary. At the age of four she was sent for her education to the court of the Landgrave of Thuringia, to whose infant son she was betrothed. As she grew in age, her piety also increased by leaps and bounds. In 1221, she married Louis of Thuringia and in spite of her position at court began to lead an austere simple life, practiced penance, and devoted herself to works of charity.

Her husband was himself much inclined to religion and highly esteemed her virtue, encouraging her in her exemplary life. They had three children when tragedy struck – Louis was killed while fighting with the Crusaders. After his death, Elizabeth left the court, made arrangements for the care of her children, and in 1228 renounced the world, becoming a tertiary of St. Francis. She built the Franciscan hospital at Marburg and devoted herself to the care of the sick until her death at the age of twenty-four in 1231. She was canonized in 1235 by Pope Gregory IX.

PRAYER *God, You taught St. Elizabeth to recognize and serve Christ in the poor. Grant, through her intercession, that we may always lovingly serve the needy and the oppressed. Amen.*



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