Saint Cecilia Parish

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DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

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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

Ms. Susan Brennan
TRUSTEE

Mr. 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.
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

Monday, January 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot
6:30 am— Guy Moore req. by the Kairys Family
8:00 am— Harry "Bud" Struble, 15 year anv. Req. by Ag and Family

Tuesday, January 18, Weekday
6:30 am— For the sick in our bulletin and their caregivers
8:00 am— James Desmond, Jr. req. by Carol & Frank Desmond

Wednesday, January 19, Weekday
6:30 am— For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am— For the service men and women listed in our bulletin

Thursday, January 20, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr Saint Sebastian, Martyr
6:30 am—Mary Reynolds
8:00 am—Alice & Walter Lech req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

Friday, January 21, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
6:30 am— Frances Davino
8:00 am— Bill Gallagher req. by his wife, Jeanne & Family

Saturday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
8:00 am— Protection of babies in the womb and their families

Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm— Bill Whelan req. by Pat & Jack Zayac
Valerie Kershaw req. by the Cochran Family
7:00 pm— Father Jean Claude St. Martin
8:00 am— John & Margaret Holleran
9:15 am— Juanita Oliver req. by the Franqui Family
John Francis Keegan req. by the Lee Family
10:45 am—Bill Whelan req. by the Von Dollen Family
Renato Sebastian & Antonita DeJesus req. by Emilia Sebastian
12:15 pm- Valerie Kershaw req. by the Cochran Family
John Starkes req. by the Marmara 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 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, Francis Sanchez, Raymond Fullam, Paul Waldek, Franco Maida, John Sandelli, Alan Zenkert, Fran Gatzke, Bob Nielsen, Gert Taylor, Walter Zelinski.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS
Week Ending : January 9, 2022

Collection—Checks & Cash	$	6,752.50
WeShare Electronic Giving	$	4,320.90
Total Weekly Collection	$	11,073.40
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	$	760,000.00
Weekly Goal	$	13,725.49
Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	$	(2,652.09)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	$	(8,925.19)

Christmas Collection: $25,969.24

THE WORD OF GOD
66:Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Our Condolences to the Family of:
Gertrude Ann Taylor
Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

The Sanctuary Candle burning on our altar this week is in loving memory of
Anna Huynh
Req. by East Hanover Health Department

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

ROCKAWAY RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH – The annual Rockaway Right to Life March will take place on Saturday, January 29th. The event begins with the celebration of the Holy Mass in church at 8 o'clock in the morning followed by coffee and a brief program in Hayes Hall. Participants will then walk around Park Lake praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and return to Hayes hall for a final prayer. Each year this event grows with young people, families and people of good will from other communities. Please join us in promoting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death by participating in this local event.

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

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.

2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "Let Your Light Shine"

If you have received a final request from Bishop Sweeney asking for your support of the 2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, please respond as your means permit. There is still time to do so since the 2021 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2022. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2021appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!

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.

"THE CHOSEN" – There is a free app on your cell phone for THE CHOSEN, just go to the app store and download, you won't regret it. The Chosen is a production on the life of Jesus which is marvelous and has millions of viewers around the world. I highly recommend it! – Father Zig

CHURCH TOUR – Back by popular demand, Father Zig will give a tour of our church on Saturday, February 5 beginning at 8:45 am. The tour will take about 60 minutes and will include the liturgical items, stained glass windows, Sacred Verse on the church walls and more. Know what the symbols mean so that you may better experience the beauty and holiness of the Lord's House.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM – The faith formation program in our parish has been suspended for the month of January. (This includes CCD classes, Confirmation classes, Generations of Faith and the Catacombs Youth Ministry.) Start up for faith formation will be in February.

I'LL BE AWAY – I will be attending the Winter Priest Institute at Saint Vincent DePaul Seminary in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida. The theme of this year's continuing education conference is: "Preaching the Gospel of Luke." The presenter is Msgr. Christopher Schreck, PhD, STD from the Diocese of Savannah. He is a renowned Scripture scholar who served as the Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. I'll be away January 21-28. – Father Zig

THANK YOU – My sincere thanks to all those who assisted me and Father Matt in taking down the Christmas decorations in the church and storing them for next Christmas. May the Lord reward you for your labor! God bless you my good people! – Father Zig

Monday, January 17
DMA & Parish Office Closed
7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)
7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)
Tuesday, January 18
9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Wednesday, January 19
Thursday, January 20
5:45 pm—Alpha meeting (Hayes Hall)
Friday, January 21
Saturday, January 22
Sunday, January 23
3:30 pm—Vietnamese Community CCD Classes (Hayes Hall)

2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT—The financial statement of the offerings you made to our parish in 2021 is being mailed for your information and tax purposes. Your online giving statement will be emailed. Please call the parish office should you have any questions regarding this matter. I thank you very much for the regular support you show Saint Cecilia's. I depend upon your generosity to meet our expenses. Your love for the Lord Jesus and His Church is an inspiration to me! God bless you my good people!!! - Father Zig

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

Men's Cornerstone XXII Retreat

Men's Cornerstone XXII Retreat "Come Follow Me!" on a 24-hour experience that brings our faith to life. Come listen to and reflect upon experiences that demonstrate how God is present in our lives, how Christ is calling you, and how He is the Cornerstone. Come join us in this great opportunity to meet other men who seek a conversion of the heart and strengthening through the Holy Spirit.

This will be one of the most rewarding investments that you will ever make! Just ask any man that has attended. January 21 & 22, 2022 at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church, Cedar Knolls, NJ (Begins 5:30pm Friday evening and culminates at the Saturday 5pm Holy Mass)

Registration online: www.ndcarmel.com or contact: Charles Malaniak: cemalaniak@gmail.com (973) 580-3075 Raul Tanedo: vetlog@yahoo.com (973) 906-0705

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@dmarockaway.org.

Congratulations to the Winners of the HAS's Holiday Cheer Raffle:
1st Place ($3000): #1124
2nd Place ($1200): #0888
3rd Place ($600): #2292
4th Place ($600): #1329
5th Place ($600): #0691
All Winners have been contacted!

Gift Cards are available for purchase through the school, after the Masses or the parish office. Please help support this painless fund-raiser for our school, Divine Mercy Academy! Thank you

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

Daily Life and the Scriptures group presents:
First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community
The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, an eleven-part Bible study, learn how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift–the Eucharist. The Monday night "Daily Life and Scriptures" group will begin the Bible study *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* on Monday January 10, 2022, at 7:30pm in Hayes Hall. Participants will meet for 11 weeks to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact
Charles Malaniak cemalaniak@gmail.com.

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.

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, **February 2nd.**

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.

Senior Citizens Club: *The Saint Cecilia's Senior Citizens Club has suspended its meetings until further notice!*

AN ADDITION—The image of Blessed Pauline Von Mallinckrodt was recently installed in the votive chapel of the church. Blessed Pauline was the foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity, the religious order which serves in our parish. Blessed Pauline had a love for the poor, especially children whom she and her sisters instructed and cared for. She entered eternal life on April 30, 1881 at the age of 63. She was beatified by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1985. BLESSED PAULINE—PRAY FOR US!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK– This nation-wide observance will take place January 3-February 5. Divine Mercy Academy, our Catholic school in Rockaway, is a pre-k-3 to Grade 8 School providing a top rate education surrounded by instruction in the Catholic faith. Help our parish in supporting Catholic education by being generous in this year's CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OFFERING ENVELOPE. Your generosity is a sign of your investment in our young people! Please help us! - Fr. Zig

Respect Life Corner

We ask for your prayers and support as we mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, 49 years ago:

A Rally for Life will take place on Friday, Jan. 14th at the State House Annex (outside) 145 West State St., Trenton. Rally at 11:00 am with a March for Life immediately following through the streets of Trenton. Please e-mail NJRTL if you plan to attend at feedback@njrtl.org or call 732-562-0562.

A Holy Hour for Life will take place at St. Mary's Church, Denville, from 12:30 – 1:30pm on Friday, **Jan. 21st the 49th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision** as a day of prayer to end abortion.

The Franciscan Mystery Players are recruiting student performers (grades 7-12) to participate in their Lenten presentation *"The Way of the Cross"* which will be performed at approximately 8 churches throughout Northern New Jersey during Lent. Rehearsals begin at the end of January at St. Catherine of Siena in Mountain Lakes. Time commitment is some Friday evenings and most Sunday afternoons/evenings from January through Good Friday. It is an excellent way to grow closer to God while having fun with a great group of teens! No experience is necessary. Please contact Anne Marie Pikor at 973-876-3440 or annemarie@pikor.com for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear parishioners,
Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lord's Day. The green color vestments have returned as a sign of this time, however some hints of the "Season of the Incarnation" still remain. One such example is today's Gospel which tells us of the Lord's first miracle at the wedding of Cana in Galilee. This miracle is one of the three manifestations which are celebrated in the Feast of the Epiphany (the other two being, the visit of the Magi and the Baptism of the Lord). By tradition the Christmas-Epiphany season takes its leave on the 40th day, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple on February 2nd. In observance of this tradition the Christmas flowers will remain in the church till then, as well as the crèche and lights remaining outdoors.
In addition to the Gospel, the Old Testament reading for today contains marital images which are very significant in our understanding of the relationship between the Lord and ourselves. The Old Testament speaks of the union between God the Divine Bridegroom and His people, the bride. This image is also incorporated into the New Testament and it begins with today's account of the miracle at Cana. This image is carried through to the end in the Book of Revelation. In Heaven the wedding feast of the Lamb is taking place to the delight of God's holy people. A jubilant celebration occurs as a result of the Lord and His people being united in an everlasting bond of love.
The wedding gift bestowed to the Church is the Holy Spirit who Himself brings spiritual gifts. Today's periscope from the first correspondence which Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians speaks of the varied gifts which we have all received. These gifts are given to all for the benefit of all. In serving one another, the Church, God's Bride, is following the Divine Spouse in a mutual giving of self.
Already on earth we have a foretaste of our union with the Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. In the reception of Holy Communion our love for the Lord is consummated. We rejoice, BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE CALLED TO THE WEDDING FEAST OF THE LAMB.
Last Sunday we began the YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST, a graced time for us as a diocesan family to reflect upon the Lord Jesus' real presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Throughout this year on a diocesan level as well as on a parochial level we will renew our faith and devotion to Christ hidden in the Eucharist. I am looking forward to sharing with you what we will be doing here at Saint Cecilia's in the upcoming months to commemorate the YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST.
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
Father Zig

ST. AGNES, Virgin and Martyr
January 21 – Patroness of the Children of Mary

ST. AGNES suffered martyrdom during the bloody persecution of the Emperor Diocletian around 304 at the age of thirteen and became one of the best known and most highly regarded of the Roman martyrs. Her name is still retained in the First Eucharistic Prayer for Holy Mass.
The Acts of her Passion, which date back only to the 5th century, are considered to be not entirely reliable but they do tell us something about her. The young noblemen of Rome, attracted by her wealth and beauty, vied with one another in endeavoring to obtain her hand in marriage, but she refused them all, saying that she had chosen a Spouse who could not be seen with mortal eyes. Her suitors, in hope of shaking her constancy, accused her of being a Christian.
She was brought before a judge and remained unswayed by either his kindness or his threats. Fires were kindled, instruments of torture were placed before her eyes, but, immovable in her constancy, she surveyed them with heroic calmness. She was sent to a house of prostitution, but the sight of her inspired such awe that not one of the wicked youths of the city dared approach her. One, bolder than the others, was suddenly struck with blindness and he fell trembling.
The youthful Saint came forth from this den of infamy uncontaminated in mind and body, and still a pure spouse of Christ. Her most prominent suitor was so enraged that he incited the judge still more against her. The heroic Virgin was condemned to be beheaded. "She went to the place of execution," says St. Ambrose, "more cheerfully than others go to their wedding." Amid the tears of the spectators the instrument of death fell, and she went to meet the Immortal Spouse whom she had loved better than her life. She was buried on the Via Nomentana, and Constantine erected a church in her honor.

PRAYER All-powerful and ever-living God, You choose the weak in this world to confound the powerful. As we celebrate the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Agnes, may we like her remain constant in faith. Amen.

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