

# Saint Cecilia Parish

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## CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the Sunday offering envelope program or "Parish Pay". It is the responsibility of the individual to meet these requirements as listed in the Code of Canon Law, #874.

## 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 4:00 pm  
Friday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm  
Closed for lunch: 12:00 to 1:00

**Monday, June 13, Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

6:30 am – For the intention of good health for Catherine Cassidy req. by the Cassidy Family

8:00 am – David & Grace Benson

**Tuesday, June 14, Weekday**

6:30 am – Dennis McCarthy req. by Noreen Breslauer

8:00 am – Kevin Doughty req. by The McDonnell Family

**Wednesday, June 15, Weekday**

6:30 am – Milton, Mary & Tom req. by Bob Kulawiec

8:00 am – For the sick listed in our bulletin & their caregivers

**Thursday, June 16, Weekday**

6:30 am – Sophie & Stanley Calka req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am – Nora Quara req. by the DiMarcantonio Family

**Friday, June 17, Weekday**

6:30 am – Virgilio del Castillo req. by Carmen Faber

8:00 am – Bernard McDonnell req. by the McDonnell Family

**Saturday, June 18, Weekday**

8:00 am – For the Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church

**Sunday, June 19, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

4:30 pm – For the Fathers of St. Cecilia Church

7:00 pm – For the Fathers of St. Cecilia Church

8:00 am - For the Fathers of St. Cecilia Church

9:15 am - For the Fathers of St. Cecilia Church

10:45 am – For the Fathers of St. Cecilia Church

12:15 pm -For the Fathers of St. Cecilia Church

**ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS****Week Ending : June 5, 2022**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 7,949.50
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 5,049.25
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 12,998.75</b>

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

<b>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (726.74)</b>
<b>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (6,001.99)</b>

**THE WORD OF GOD**

166: Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9

Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Gorcica, Sam Sessa, 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, 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, Franco Maida, John Sandelli, Alan Zenkert, Fran Gatzke, Bob Nielsen, Gert Taylor, Walter Zelinski, Landon Wierks, Clo Callahan, Michael McClain, David Saggioli.



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.** 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.

**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.

**THANK YOU** – Many thanks to Louise and Tony Nalerio for the planting and caring of the flowers around our parish property. May the Lord richly bless them for their labor!

**FROM THE PASTOR** – Some of you may have already heard that our parish truck caught fire on Sunday morning, May 29<sup>th</sup>, leaving us without a means of bringing our grass cutting equipment to the parish cemetery for the weekly maintenance. In the meantime, I am most grateful to Dave and Donna Robertson for helping us in the transport of the equipment to the cemetery until we get a new truck. Please know that I will do my best to make sure that our cemetery is in good shape! – Father Zig

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** – The Lenten alms project known as OPERATION RICE BOWL has brought in a record amount of money totaling \$8,812. This money will be sent to Catholic Relief Services which is currently assisting those in need in such places as Ukraine, and various countries in Africa, Asia and South America. Our parish is most generous in helping those in need throughout the world. Please know that a portion of the alms money is returned to the Diocese of Paterson for those needing assistance locally. God bless you my good people! – Father Zig



# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**Parish Summer Office Hours:**

*Starting the week of June 20th*  
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30—4:00  
(Lunch 12:00—1:00)  
Friday: Closed

**2022 - 2023 Faith Formation Registration**

Details for next year's programs are available on the parish website.

Just some of the programs we look forward to launching again in the fall...

- 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
- and lots more! **REGISTER TODAY!**

**OUTDOOR MASS HAS RESUMED** – The Saturday evening

Vigil Mass at 7 o'clock will be celebrated at the parish cemetery for the summer. The Mass will take place in the church in the event of rain. Please sign-up for FLOCKNOTE for the latest information regarding this Mass and other parish events. Please see the FLOCKNOTE article in this bulletin for more information regarding sign-up. (All Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the church.)

**CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD DRIVE**—The 10th Annual CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD DRIVE will take place in the Diocese of Paterson to replenish the dwindling food supplies at the 3 diocesan food pantries operated by Catholic Charities. Saint Cecilia Parish has been asked to donate the following items: PANCAKE MIX, PANCAKE SYRUP, SHAMPOO. These items can be brought to Hayes Hall and placed on the designated tables prior to June 18th-19th (Feast of Corpus Christi). Should you like to make a monetary donation for this purpose please go to: <https://www.ccpaterson.org/corpus>. You may also write a check payable to St. Cecilia Church with the memo: food drive.

**LIVE STREAM MASS**—I have resumed “live-streaming” the Sunday 10:45 a.m. Mass for the time being. I do want to remind you that the OBLIGATION to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day has been reinstated by our Bishop and the Bishops of the State of New Jersey. Those who are exempt from attending Holy Mass in the church are those who are sick, under quarantine, those with compromised health issues and the elderly-homebound. - Father Zig

**SEMINARIAN FOR THE SUMMER** – His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney has assigned Seminarian Jender A. Medina for a 6 week summer assignment to our parish. He is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. He comes from Columbia and is being prepared to serve in the Diocese of Paterson. We welcome Jender to Saint Cecilia and we pray that his time with us will be a happy one. – Father Zig



**Monday, June 13**7:00 pm—*Holy Hour (Church)*7:30 pm—*Bible Study (Hayes Hall)***Tuesday, June 14**7:00 pm—*Finance Council Meeting (Parish Office)***Wednesday, June 15****Thursday, June 16**9:00 am—*Kindergarten Graduation*6:30 pm—*Collette Travel Meeting (Hayes Hall)***Friday, June 17**9:00 am—*Pre-Kindergarten Graduations***Saturday, June 18**8:30 am—*St. Monica Guild's Meeting (Hayes Hall)***Sunday, June 19**2:00 pm—*Corpus Christi Procession (Sacred Heart of Jesus Church)*3:30 pm—*Vietnamese Community (Church)***PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL BEGINS NEXT**

**SUNDAY** – Our parish will begin a Eucharistic Revival with next Sunday's Feast of Corpus Christi. This will be a year-long observance filled with devotions, activities, and other opportunities to strengthen and promote our faith in the Lord Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Next Sunday you are asked to wear something WHITE (the liturgical color of the Holy Eucharist) when you come to church. (Parents can use this as a teaching moment at home to encourage conversation about the Eucharist.) Children who have received their First Holy Communion this year are encouraged to come to church in their First Holy Communion clothes.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Marilyn Whelan and Family, an image of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be blessed and positioned in our church at next Sunday's 12:15 p.m. Mass. The image is given in memory of William Whelan. Blessed Carlo had a strong devotion to the Holy Eucharist, attended daily Mass before going to school, lived a virtuous life and died of leukemia in Italy at the age of 15 in 2006. This soon to be saint is revered throughout the Catholic world and is the patron of World Youth Day which will be held in Portugal in 2023. Our thanks to the Whelan Family for their donation of this holy image which will remind all those who look upon it of God's call to holiness.

I am looking forward to this YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL in our parish. I am sure that many blessings and graces await us at Saint Cecilia's which will strengthen our community and our witness to JESUS PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT. – Father Zig

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

***Divine Mercy Academy News***

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year at Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is now open!

Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes! Divine Mercy Academy is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. We offer a safe, secure & compassionate environment with a high level of individualized attention; certified teachers; weekly liturgies & daily Religion class; academic curriculum with all core subjects; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Aftercare and extracurricular activities available.

Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs available. Full Day Kindergarten. We are located at 87 Halsey Avenue in Rockaway. Visit our website at [www.dmarockaway.org](http://www.dmarockaway.org) or call 973-627-6003 for more information.

**Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America.** As a parish, we collected \$1,146.00 which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america) and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** – The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group meetings have come to a close for the season and will resume in September following Labor Day.

**JUNE DEVOTIONS** – The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will pray the Litany to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus every day, Monday through Friday, following the 8 o'clock morning Mass.

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK** – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has chosen June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> as *RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK*. Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. We are invited to pray, reflect and act to promote religious freedom which is guaranteed under our country's constitution but which is being threatened in our secular society.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITS** – Father Matt and I visit the homebound on the first Friday of every month with the Holy Eucharist and the availability for confession as well. Should you or someone you know like for the priest to visit them on first Friday, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number so that we may add you to our schedule.—Fr. Zig

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE RESCHEDULED** – Father Zig will serve as the spiritual director for the RESCHEDULED PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND sponsored by 206 Catholic Tours of Long Island. The dates are September 10-19, 2022. For the itinerary, cost and other information please check on line at: [www.pilgrimages.com/frpeplowski](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frpeplowski). The tour number is #110. How wonderful to be in the places where Our Savior, His Holy Mother, the Apostles and the saints once lived. This is the trip of a lifetime!

**COLLETTE TRAVELERS MEETING**—A meeting will take place with April Matines from Collette Tours on Thursday, June 16th in Hayes Hall beginning at 6:30 PM. April will give a presentation regarding our parish trip to France in April 2023. Come and hear about next year's visit to France and another "closer to home trip" which will also be presented. The meeting is open to all interested persons.

**St. Cecilia Senior Citizens Club:**  
Next Meeting: June 21st @ 12:00 pm (Hayes Hall)

**Are you ready to sail away?** Join the St. Cecilia's Seniors on an 11 - day Southern Caribbean cruise aboard the fantastic Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines Anthem of Seas. We will depart from Cape Liberty in Bayonne and cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Philipsburg, St. Marten, St. Johns, Antigua, Castries, St. Lucia, Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis, and return to Cape Liberty. We have Ocean View Balcony, Ocean View, and Interior Cabins still available. Detailed information can be found by going to <https://www.suitetraveldesigners.com/GroupRegistrations/view/103551>. Feel free to contact Alice Koller with any questions you may have at [alice-koller@gmail.com](mailto:alice-koller@gmail.com)

**HOLY HOUR**—The Monday evening Holy Hour will be suspended during the months of July and August. The final holy hour for this season will be Monday, June 27th. Holy Hour will resume on Monday, September 12th beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

New pro-life videos by women for women: "Amanda Gorman, Let's Talk". As the Supreme Court reconsiders abortion, these videos present six compelling reasons to defend all life, as a response to Amanda Gorman's "8 Reasons to Stand Up Today Against Abortion Bans in the United States." They are a respectful invitation to take another look at the reality behind abortion and to rethink our response to crisis pregnancies. Here is the **Link**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WF5yDhkbzz8>

**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

**Summer Bible Camp!!! Save the Date!**  
**Friday, July 22nd – 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**Saturday, July 23rd – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Sunday, July 24th – 12:00 – 2:30 pm**

We are excited to bring back our parish summer bible camp. This experience is for children ages 4-10, and will include games, food, music, lessons, prayer, and lots of special surprises for the kid. Formal registration will open on May 22nd. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. Contact the parish office for more info.

**CORPUS CHRISTI** – The Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> with a combined parish event at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. The outdoor procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament will begin at 2 o'clock. Young people are invited to serve as acolytes, baldachino bearers, and those who strew flower petals. Please see Father Zig or Father Matt for details. The young people of the Catacombs Group will also participate by bearing the image of Blessed Carlo Acutis during the ceremony.

**Morris Catholic Baseball Clinic:** Morris Catholic is hosting an open clinic for baseball players of all skill levels entering grades 6-8. Clinic days will be June 23, July 18, July 28, and August 1 and will be 4:00-5:30 PM each day. Come see what its like to play baseball at Morris Catholic. To sign up or for more information, visit [queensmenbaseball.org](http://queensmenbaseball.org)

### ***The Beauty, Reconciliation, Hope and Promise of our Catholic Faith in Church***

In these difficult times, it is when you go to church that you know you are home. When all the bad, difficult, unhappy and tragic things happening in our world and around us are silenced by the walls of our church, we are given hope, love, comfort and understanding. It is when you go to church that you gain your strength to go forward to meet your goals, challenges, solve your problems and believe in the healing strength and love of our Lord.

Take this strength of faith and prayer given to you each Sunday at mass and keep it within your heart and soul until you return to Church to resume your faith and devotion to our Lord and know...he is always with you.

**God Bless You!**



My dear parishioners,

In our gathering to celebrate the Lord's Day the Church commemorates the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. This annual observance takes place on the first Sunday after the close of the Easter season to reflect upon the mystery of God who has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our God has shown Himself as filled with love, compassion and mercy for His children to whom He wishes to be united. As God is a community of three divine persons, so too does He invite us into this community. We have a foretaste of this union when we receive Holy Communion at the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ our God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, we become one with Him who gave His life for our salvation and rose triumphantly from the dead. When we receive Holy Communion we enter into the divine life of the Most Holy Trinity.

Pondering God as a community of persons gives us pause to consider the importance of FAMILY, the most important community in society. Family is the basic unit of society and from it comes other beneficial communities which are crucial for our life and development. The community of the Church is that family which was founded by the Lord Jesus and given the "breath of life" by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The family of the Church is a community of families which witness to the faith through prayer and service. From this fellowship emerges love for God and neighbor.

We were all overjoyed last Sunday at the 8 o'clock morning Mass when a young man of our parish, Ben Duphiney, announced that he would enter the Capuchin Franciscan Order as a friar. Ben will begin Postulancy later this month in Philadelphia. Ben was born and raised in our parish, attended our parish parochial school and recently graduated from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. I am so happy that our parish family has produced another religious vocation (that's because there's something special about Saint Cecilia's!)

I was so happy to see so many people attend our first summer outdoor Mass at the parish cemetery last Saturday evening. Now that the COVID situation has improved there is no longer any need to do more than the one outdoor Mass for our celebration of the Lord's Day. I continue to encourage all parishioners to sign-up for FLOCKNOTE for the notifications regarding the weekend Mass and other important information which I can share with you immediately.

Community and family is what we are all about too and that is why I am looking forward to today's PARISH PICNIC.

Whether it is outdoors (as I am praying) or indoors due to rain, being together in fellowship is what keeps Saint Cecilia's strong!

With pastoral love, Father Zig

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
**June 13 – Patron of the Poor**

*St. Anthony, called "St. Anthony of Padua" on account of his long residence in that city, was a native of Lisbon in Portugal, where he was born in 1195, receiving the name of Ferdinand at his Baptism. At an early age his parents placed him in the community of the Canons of the Cathedral of Lisbon, by whom he was educated. At fifteen he entered the Order of Regular Canons of St. Augustine near Lisbon. After two years he was sent to the convent of the Holy Cross of the same Order at Coimbra.*

*He had lived in this house eight years, intent on his studies, when the relics of five Franciscan martyrs were brought from Morocco to Portugal. This event inspired him to follow in the footsteps of these heroes of the Faith. When this became known his brethren offered extreme opposition, but he finally obtained the consent of the prior and passed over to the Franciscan Order.*

*After some time he obtained leave to go to Africa to preach to the Moors, but a severe illness obliged him to return to Spain. However, the vessel was driven to Sicily by contrary winds, and the desire to see St. Francis took him to Assisi, where a general chapter of the Order was in progress. At first he was entirely ignored in the Order, and he purposely kept himself in obscurity; but Providence soon revealed to the Franciscans what a treasure they had acquired, and St. Anthony was made professor of theology, which subject he later taught successively at Bologna, Toulouse, Montpellier, and Padua.*

*He gave up teaching to devote himself to preaching, for he was an accomplished orator, being at the same time filled with zeal for souls. In this work he traveled through France, Spain, and Italy. He was invested with several important dignities in his Order and labored hard to preserve monastic discipline, boldly opposing the famous General Elias, who sought to introduce relaxations. He died June 13, 1231, and was canonized the following year by Pope Gregory IX.*

*PRAYER* Almighty, ever-living God, You gave Your people the extraordinary preacher St. Anthony and made him an intercessor in difficulties. By his aid grant that we may live a truly Christian life and experience Your help in all adversities. Amen.

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