Saint Cecilia Parish

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Mrs. Janet Maulbeck
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR and YOUTH PROTECTION/ SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Mr. James Clancy
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Mrs. Ann Mitchell
PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Diane Boykow
CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Charles Linnell
MUSIC DIRECTOR

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 "WeShare". 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 Sr. Diane @ 973-627-0313 ext: 14
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Monday through Sat. @ 7:30 am
FEMININE GENIUS PROJECT: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 pm 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, October 3, Weekday
6:30 am—Diane Milo
8:00 am—Linda Mercolini req. by Roberta Vitcusky
Tuesday, October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi
6:30 am— Robert Uhrig req. by the McDonnell Family
8:00 am— Georgiana Stalter req. by St. Monica Guild
Wednesday, October 5, Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
6:30 am— Marianne Kryszanowski
8:00 am— Martin DiGuiseppi req. by Pat & Jack Zayac
Thursday, October 6, Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
6:30 am—Catherine Kobylar req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Hamilton
8:00 am—Blanche Gray req. by John & Dianna Sullivan
Friday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary
6:30 am— Patricia Ann Drylie req. by the O'Donnell Family
8:00 am— Jeanne O'Carroll req. by Bob & Nina Roberti
Saturday, October 8, Weekday
8:00 am— Joseph C. Feola
Sunday, October 9, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm— Blanche Gray req. by Kevin Maulbeck
Gail Alfano Gerard req. by Rosemary & Dave Fisher
7:00 pm— Vincnet Dellorto req. by Carla Guerriero
8:00 am - James Rabbitt req. by John & Margaret Byrne
9:15 am - Mary Margaret Duphiney req. by Seligmuller Family
Rosemary & Martin Matis req. by daughter, Rosemary
10:45 am—Mario Zambrano req. by Helen Zambrano
Dolores Wyrwa req. by Debbie Fremeth & Daughters
12:15 pm - Blanche Gray req. by Jeanne Gallagher

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS
Week Ending : September 25, 2022

Collection—Checks & Cash	$ 7,488.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	$ 4,776.50
Total Weekly Collection	$ 12,264.50
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	$ 760,000.00
Weekly Goal	$ 14,000.00
Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	$ (2,335.50)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	$ (15,859.57)

THE WORD OF GOD
141: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

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

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 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, Franco Maida, John Sandelli, Alan Zenkert, Fran Gatzke, Bob Nielsen, Gert Taylor, Walter Zelinski, Landon Wierks, Clo Callahan, Michael McClain, David Saggioli, Tommy Slockbower, Michael Hafke, Tyler Bascharow, Wendy Hoppock, Joseph Hoppock, Kevin R. Bruno, II.

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.

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EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has inaugurated a *EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL* for our country to promote a better understanding, reverence and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ who is present body, soul and divinity in the Most Blessed Sacrament. This revival will encompass three years focusing on diocesan, parish and national events which will assist the faithful in this graced time.
Here at Saint Cecilia's I hope to present a variety of opportunities which will benefit us in this revival. I continue to consult with our parish staff as to how we might best incorporate the revival in our parish. To begin our participation, I would like to publish short reflections in the bulletin from the adults and children of our parish each week starting around Labor Day. Please consider sharing your thoughts on "What the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist mean for my life" Your reflections should be short (fewer than 100 words) and given to me or sent via email: speplowski@optonline.net. Share your testimony to open other hearts to the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
– Father Zig

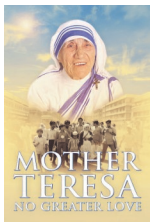
SAVE THE DATE - A **Eucharistic Revival Retreat** will be held on October 22 in Hayes Hall. This event will be part of the Eucharistic Revival activities in the parish. The speaker will be Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli who will address aspects of the holy Eucharist. The event will start with mass at 8 AM and include a breakfast while ending before noon. Registration will be $25 - further info and flyer in the next weeks.

ROSARY WALK—The NJ Area Knights of Malta will sponsor a Rosary Walk on Sunday, October 9th beginning at 3:00 pm at Saint Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. The walk will conclude at Saint Thomas More Church in Convent Station about 5:00 pm.

MASS CARDS

We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one.
Call the Parish Office 973-627-0313
~Offering $15.00~

MOTHER TERESA FILM – The new film, "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love" will be shown in theaters throughout the country on Monday and Tuesday, October 3 & 4. This film will be shown at the AMC theatre in the Rockaway Mall at 7:00 pm both days. Let's support faith based films!



True Love Waits: Parents, do your teens know God's plan for love and relationships in their lives? True Love Waits teaches middle and high school students how to be happier (and safer) in relationships by following Christ's plan for them using skits, speakers, multimedia presentations, discussions, personal reflection and, of course, snacks! Sessions will run every Sunday, 6 – 9:00 pm, from October 9th to October 23rd and there will be a commitment ceremony during the 7:00 pm Mass on October 29th. A parents' meeting covering the entire program will be held on October 4th, 7-8 pm in Hayes Hall and is strongly encouraged due to the detailed nature of the information teens will receive. **Pre-registration is required** and the program fee is $20. Please call Jenny at 862-219-2028 with any questions and to register.

2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "One Body In Christ"

In addition to considering a one-time gift or a pledge payable over five months to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, parishioners have the option of making a continuous monthly gift where your donation will repeat each month and continue from year-to-year. This is a wonderful way to continue your support year-round. You can easily adjust or discontinue this monthly gift option any time you choose. For more information, please call the diocesan Development Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 263. However you choose to make your gift to the 2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, know that your contribution is a true blessing to the people we serve. May God bless you for your support! You can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal now by making an online gift. Simply go to www.2022appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.

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

INVITATION TO RCIA— Have you been worshiping with us, but have never officially taken the step to become Catholic? Are you seeking a relationship with Jesus, but have not been Baptized or Confirmed or have not received First Communion? Are you married to a Catholic , but just don't know the next step to become Catholic?
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which non-Catholics learn and normally enter the Catholic Faith. RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who missed receiving Eucharist or Confirmation. Group sessions begin on Sundays starting in October in the St. Cecilia Parish Office. Interested in more info? Leave a message for Sister Diane at the Parish Office: 973-627-0313 ext. 14.

Monday, October 3
7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)
7:30 pm—Bible Study (HH)
Tuesday, October 4
9:30 am—Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Hayes Hall)
12:00 pm—Seniors Meeting (Hayes Hall)
7:00 pm—True Love Waits Parent Meeting (HH)
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)
Wednesday, October 5
10:00 am—Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church)
Thursday, October 6
7:00 pm—Alpha Meeting (HH)
Friday, October 7
7:00 pm— Confirmation Parents meeting (HH)
Saturday, October 8
8:30 am—Men's Society Meeting (Hayes Hall)
Sunday, October 9
9:15—Liturgy of the Word for Children (Church & HH)
5:00 pm—Vietnamese Community (Church)

VIVERE CHRISTUS EST AWARD

The "Vivere Christus Est Award" is presented annually to people of the diocese who are recognized for their service to the church through the local parish. The award was established by our former Bishop, the Most Reverend Arthur Serratelli and which Bishop Kevin Sweeney continues to promote. This year's recipient from Saint Cecilia Parish is **CHUCK MALANIAK.** The award will be given to recipients from across the Diocese of Paterson on Sunday, October 16th at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. All are welcome to attend. Our congratulations and best wishes to Chuck! – Father Zig

Divine Mercy Academy News

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

Morris Catholic High School *is accepting applications for the Class of 2027 and for transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Learn more about Morris Catholic through our Admissions events! Our Open House date is: Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm & Sunday, October 23rd from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. You can sign up for these events at www.morriscatholic.org/openhouse/ We are also offering shadow days and in-person campus tours. Contact admissions@morriscatholic.org to schedule one of these visits or for more information about our application process! You can also visit www.morriscatholic.org to learn more about all of our athletic, academic, and extracurricular programs.*

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.

Eucharistic Revival Testimony

Let me know "How has Christ's presence in the Eucharist touched your life"? Please send 100 words or less to speplowski@optonline.net – Fr. Zig

Eucharistic Revival Testimony:

Charles Malaniak is reminded God Lives Within Me

Receiving the Eucharist is a constant reminder that God lives within me.
The Eucharist helps ease my previous days' transgressions and give me strength and confidence to take on what life will give me every day.

Eucharistic Revival Testimony: Mary Lou Rodimer reflects, following her mother's strong Faith "What would I be if I didn't have the Eucharist?"

"*If it's only a symbol. . . to hell with it!" (Flannery O'Connor)* This quote could have been my mother's. She became a Catholic as soon as she was 21 in spite of much family opposition. Although my Irish father was a staunch Catholic, it was my mother's strong Faith that influenced me the most. She was a daily communicant, and I saw her battle her way through storms, lack of transportation, and sickness to receive Jesus every day. She was not perfect, and I snarkily pointed that out to her. Her response was, "What would I be if I didn't have the Eucharist."

During my formative years, the Church was the lynch pin of my life. Even though I had a very strong witness to the real Presence, my prayer at every consecration is"Lord I believe; help my unbelief."

As our family grew I knew I needed help. My schedule was very time consuming, but I figured if I went to early Mass I could be home before anybody needed me. So I started that regime over 60 years ago. I am blessed with a loving, supportive husband who also sees the need of daily communion.

For me the Eucharist has not been a "slam-bang-wow" moment that produced immediate change but a slow, gradual steady one. I am still very much a "work-in-progress". When looking back at all I have come through, I can echo my mother's answer, "What would I be if I didn't have the Eucharist?"

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS – Donations of food are gratefully accepted to help supply the two food pantries being assisted by our parish, the Rockaway Food Closet and Hope House (Catholic Charities in Dover). Your donations may be brought to the designated area in the stairwell of the church (side closest to the parish office) or left in the church vestibule. May God bless you for the generosity you show to the needy!

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Couples, were you married in 1972 or 1997? *(Or, have you been married for 60+ years?)* The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your **25th, 50th or 60+** wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: **Sunday, November 6th, 2022 at 3:00pm.** Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to submit your registration to your parish office is Thursday, October 6th, 2022**. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

Run for a Nun 5K—The 9th Annual Sisters of Christian Charity 5K Run for a Nun is coming up! It will be held on October 8, 2022 in Mendham, New Jersey from 8:30-10:00AM. For more information, to register, make a donation, or become a sponsor, please go to www.scceast.org/runforanun. Proceeds from this event go to the education of our Sisters, especially those in initial formation. We are so grateful your support and generosity!

SHRED-IT FUNDRAISER

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 63 E. Main Street, Rockaway, on Saturday, October 8th, from 9:00 am to 12:30 noon. Donation: $5.00 small & $10.00 big.

The Compassionate Friends-Parsippany Chapter; A Self-Help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents, all meetings are held every **2nd Thursday** of each month, our next in-person scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:30pm, St. Christopher/Church School Room 101. Please join our private facebook page "The Compassionate Friends Parsippany Chapter" for more information regarding in-person meetings.

Program for: **October 13, 2022- "How many children do you have and other challenging questions"**

For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164 or email: lilycap1972@gmail

Craft & Vendor Fair: Save the Date – Saturday, November 19th— 9:00 am until 2:00 pm—St. Cecilia Church Hall 90 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866—For more information: saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com

St. Cecilia Senior Citizens Club:

Next Meeting: October 4 th @ 12:00 pm (Hayes Hall)

Octoberfest, October 5th

Call Carol for more info @ 973-537-5529

All Welcome!

Denville Knights of Columbus Council #3359

Is hosting its 47th annual Pumpkin Classic Golf Outing at the Bowling Green Golf Club in Oakridge on Friday, October 7th, 2022. It will be a shotgun-scramble format. For further info and to get an application to participate, please contact:

Charlie Conklin @ 973-580-0555
Kevin Scollans @ 973-975-3636
Damiano Servidio @ 973-407-0186
Dennis Corbiserio @ 973-945-9467

or go to the Knights' website to download an application: www.kofc3359.org

Knights of Columbus #514 Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 8th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Applebee's on Route 46 in the Dover ShopRite Plaza
Donation is $12.00 for Adults & $10.00 for Children
Please call **201-486-3882** for tickets!

St. Cecilia's Life Runners' - Thomas A. Haltigan Memorial Pro-Life 5K—Sunday, October 23rd—Run, Walk or Jog for all age groups for the Protection and Sanctity of Human Life from the Moment of Conception until Natural Death. Where: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 91 Maple Ave, Morristown. Participants should arrive by 1:30 pm to sign in for 5K, which commences at 2:30 pm immediately following prayer gathering. Light refreshments. Entry fee: $25 (Check payable to St. Cecilia Church. Write LIFE Runners in memo section of check). Fundraiser for Rockaway Denville Catholic Respect Life Ministry. Registration & more info: John Byrne @ jaidanbyrne@optonline.net or Jim Gallagher @ jamesfgall@aol.com Phone or Text: 973-529-4699 Walk-Ins accepted. Jerseys available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. You can also wear your own pro-life jersey. 5K is via sidewalks and pedestrian crossings of Morristown and is not timed. Jerseys for sale at Masses, weekend of October 22nd & 23rd ($25.00 each) if you wish to support the 5K but can't attend. Donations also accepted.

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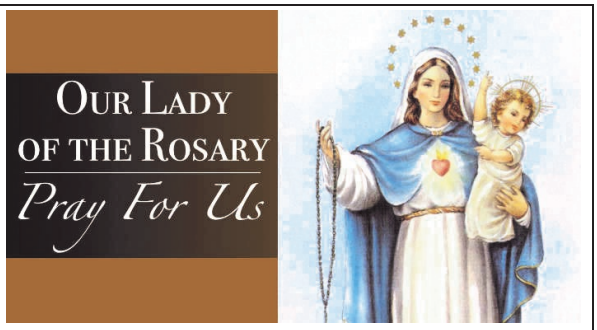
liferunners.org

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear parishioners,
Welcome to the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time on the Lord's Day. FAITH is key in the Scriptural lections for this Sunday in both the Old Testament and New Testament texts. The Prophet Habakkuk, the Apostle Paul and the Lord Jesus all speak about faith and its role in the economy of salvation. Faith is that which opens us to the spiritual life allowing us to come close to the Lord of Hosts who calls us into His service. Faith defines the life of a disciple whose love for Christ is seen actively at work in all that one does. We believe that faith is a gift from God which comes to us in the sacrament of Baptism. This seed planted within us is nurtured by ones parents who also protect the seed of faith from destruction. As one grows and matures the responsibility to nurture faith becomes one's own task. When faith grows it sprouts a harvest of good works to be shared among all. This harvest nourishes the world and makes strong the Kingdom of God among us. A harvest of justice, the production of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy are just some of the yield which comes from faith.
My recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land was indeed a wonderful journey of faith for me and the nine other pilgrims who I had the pleasure of being with for nine days. The Holy Land is a place of faith but also of conflict due to the political situation which has existed there for generations. It is a land where Jews, Christians and Moslems strive to live as brothers and sisters of Abraham. It is a place which has drawn people of faith to come to since the beginning. Thanks to the easing of Covid restrictions Christian pilgrims are returning to the Holy Land to once again visit the holy sites and shrines. This is a welcomed happening particularly for the small Christian community which lives there and depends upon the visit of pilgrims for the livelihood. Christian owners of restaurants, hotels, shops and other areas of the hospitality industry depend on pilgrims to support their businesses so that they may continue to live and raise their families there. Visiting the holy sites is a "shot of faith" for believers knowing that you are standing in the same places where Our Lord, His Holy Mother and the Disciples once stood. What a blessing!
The Christians of the Holy Land demonstrate their faith with courage and with pride. They know who they are and what makes them distinct from their neighbors. Attendance at Sunday Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church is extremely high as one priest shared with me in Jerusalem. With the return of "normal" after the height of the pandemic, the Christians of the Holy Land have returned to church. I wish I could say the same about us!!! FAITH makes all the difference!
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST – GLORY FOREVER!
Father Zig

Our Lady of the Rosary
October 7



On October 7, the first Sunday of October in the year 1571, Don Juan of Austria gained his famous navel victory over the Turks at Lepanto. In thanksgiving for this event, which he attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin through the recitation of the Holy Rosary, St. Pius V instituted an annual feast under the title of Our Lady of Victory. His immediate successor, Gregory XIII, changed the title to that of the Rosary, and granted its Office to all churches in which there was an altar dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.
In 1716, the army of Emperor Charles VI, under Prince Eugene, gained a remarkable victory over the Turks near Belgrade, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows, at a time when the members of the Society of the Holy Rosary were offering solemn prayers In Rome. Soon after, the Turks were forced to raise the siege of Corcyra. Clement XI, in memory of this, extended the feast of the Most Holy Rosary to the Universal Church. Benedict XIV caused an account of all this to be inserted into the Roman Breviary, and Leo XII raised the feast to the rank of a feast of the second class. He also added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation: "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us." In 1961, the title of this feast became: Our Lady of the Rosary.
According to a venerable tradition, the devotion of the Holy Rosary was revealed to St. Dominic by the Blessed Virgin.
Prayer God fill us with Your grace. We know the Incarnation of Your Son by the message of and Angel. Through the intercession of Mary may we obtain the glory of resurrection through Christ's Passion and Cross. Amen

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