

# Saint Cecilia Parish

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PRINCIPAL

**Mrs. Diane Boykow**  
CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR

**Mr. Charles Linnell**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR



## 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**

## 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 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

ST. MONICA NOVENA: 4th Saturday after 8:00 am Mass.

## Parish Summer Office Hours:

*Starting after Memorial Day until Labor Day*

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30—4:00 (Lunch 12:00—1:00)

Friday: Closed

**Monday, June 12, Weekday**

6:30 am — Marguerite Ann Buggy

8:00 am — Dennis McCarthy req. by his sister, Noreen

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

6:30 am — Joseph Kim req. by Carmen Faber

8:00 am — Peggy Bostwick, 1st Anniversary req. by Pat Zayac

**Wednesday, June 14, Weekday**

6:30 am — Veronica O'Keefe req. by Latuja Family

8:00 am — Kevin Doughty req. by the McDonnell Family

**Thursday, June 15, Weekday**

6:30 am — For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am — Jack Zayac req. by Noreen Breslauer

**Friday, June 16, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

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

8:00 am — Charles Cirella req. by Carole, Charles, Sherri &amp; Anthony Cirella

**Saturday, June 17, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am — For the service men &amp; women listed in our bulletin

**Sunday, June 18, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 pm — For the Fathers of our parish

7:00 pm — For the Fathers of our parish

8:00 am — For the Fathers of our parish

9:15 am — For the Fathers of our parish

10:45 am — For the Fathers of our parish

12:15 pm — For the Fathers of our parish

**ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS****Week Ending : June 4, 2023**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 8,408.50
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,800.00
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 13,208.50</b>

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,600.00

<b>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (1,391.50)</b>
<b>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (13,196.43)</b>



The flowers at the altar  
are in celebration of  
**Dr. Anthony Pane's 90th Birthday**  
Requested by Deborah Petersen

Congratulations to the following  
**Divine Mercy Academy Class of 2023**  
graduates:

Christian Carrasquillo, Nicholas Michetti, Keen Odom,  
Nathan Power, Arianna Ricardo, Camila Rodriguez,  
Preston Sainte, Matthew Shivas, Emily Trautman,  
Olisakwe Umeukeje, Pawel Wolak, Alexander Zamora!

**God Bless You**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Gorica, 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, 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, Emilio Viola, James Deegan, Martha Salvesen, 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, Larry & Edna Gatzke, Jeremiah O'Brien, Lanie Bruno, Betty Golden, Ben Duphiney, Jill Breslin.



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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**WHEN A PRIEST IS NEEDED**—When a family member is sick and in need of a priest for the sacraments please call the parish office so that a priest will be notified of the request. ON THE WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS AND EVENINGS AFTER OFFICE HOURS, PLEASE CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER (862-251-1229) AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER CLEARLY AND A PRIEST WILL RESPOND.

**CAN YOU HELP?** – A CLEAN UP of the parish cemetery will take place on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. I hope you will help me in this effort which should not take more than 90 minutes. If you can, bring your gloves, rack, outdoor broom, leaf-blower and anything else which you think will assist us in our task. May God bless you for helping me in keeping our “second church” in good order! – Father Zig

**SAVE THE DATES** – Mom and dad please save these dates to enroll your children in this year's summer Bible Camp which will take place Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. The program is for children ages 4-10. Registration and additional information may be found on the parish website. You may call the parish office to speak with our faith formation director, Jim Clancy for details.

**CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD DRIVE** – Our diocese is once again conducting the annual Corpus Christi Food Drive throughout all our parishes. Saint Cecilia's has been asked to supply the following items: PANCAKE MIX, PANCAKE SYRUP, HAIR SHAMPOO. These items must be brought to our church and placed on the designated tables in Hayes Hall no later than June 11<sup>th</sup> (all items will be transported to Catholic Charities on Monday morning, June 12<sup>th</sup>). Please take a shopping bag and list located in the church vestibule for your convenience. Thank you for helping replenish the food distribution centers in the diocese operated by Catholic Charities. May God bless you! – Father Zig

**CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION** – The Solemnity of Our Lord's Holy Body and Blood, commonly called CORPUS CHRISTI will be celebrated on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Our parish choir will present festal musical selections at the 12:15 p.m. Mass. The traditional Corpus Christi procession will take place at 2 o'clock at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. This is a Sacred Heart AND SAINT CECILIA event to which all are invited to participate. In this year of Eucharistic Revival in our country, let us locally celebrate our faith in the Lord Jesus present body, soul and divinity in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**BAKE SALE** – The Saint Monica Guild will conduct a “Father's Day Bake Sale” on Saturday and Sunday, June 17 & 18. A delicious and wide variety of baked goods will be on display for sale in Hayes Hall following the weekend Masses. Free coffee will be provided for Sunday morning shoppers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**HOLY HOUR** – The Monday evening Holy Hour will come to a conclusion for the summer. The final Holy Hour will take place on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Holy Hour will return in September on the Monday following Labor Day.

**MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART** – The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The litany to the Sacred Heart will be prayed at the conclusion of the 8 o'clock morning Mass Monday through Friday. “**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus-Have Mercy on Us.**”

### **2023 - 2024 Faith Formation Registration**

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

**DMA PRINCIPAL** – Mrs. Ann Mitchell who has served as principal of Divine Mercy Academy for the past 12 years has resigned and taken employment closer to her home in Bergen County. I am most grateful to Mrs. Mitchell for the years of dedicated service to our school and wish her well in her new position. The Paterson Diocesan Schools Office is currently assisting us in filling the principal position at our school as soon as possible. All interested applicants MUST contact the diocesan office for further information. – Father Zig

**DIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI EVENT** – An Evening of Adoration, Praise and Worship for the Feast of Corpus Christi will take place on Sunday, June 11 from 6 pm to 8 pm at Corpus Christi Church ( 234 Southern Blvd.) in Chatham Township. The featured speaker will be Father Agustino Torres, CFR; who appears regularly on EWTN. This will be a faith-filled and inspiring night for all. Most especially, it will engage our youth and young adults, who are still growing in their appreciation of the Eucharist.



**Monday, June 12**

10:00 am—Cemetery Meeting (Parish Office)

7:00 pm—Holy Hour/Confessions

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

**Tuesday, June 13**

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

7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

**Wednesday, June 14**

8:30 am—Soup Kitchen (Hayes Hall)

9:00 am—Kindergarten Graduation (Hayes Hall)

**Thursday, June 15**

9:00 am—Pre-K Graduation (Hayes Hall)

11:00 am—Pre-K Graduation (Hayes Hall)

**Friday, June 16**

Last day of school

6:00 pm—Joshua Egan Charity Dinner (Hayes Hall)

**Saturday, June 17**

8:30 am—St. Monica Meeting (Parish Office)

Bake Sale after the Masses

**Sunday, June 18**

Happy Father's Day

Bake Sale after the Masses

**HOLY INNOCENTS BABY SECTION** – Have you noticed the work which had recently been completed at the Holy Innocents Baby Section of our parish cemetery? Not only was a marble statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary erected there but also new signage and improved access to the Holy Innocents section. It looks beautiful and I am grateful to God for the generous people who support this effort and Mrs. Diane Boykow, our parish cemetery administrator for her dedicated work. – Father Zig

**Joshua Egan Charity Dinner**

Due to unforeseen complications our original event date was postponed. Here are the new event details...

When: Friday, June 16th

6:00 – 7:00 Dinner

7:00 – 7:30 Tricky Tray drawings

7:30 – 9:00 Music and Dancing

Where: Hayes Hall

Who: Adults only

Cost: \$50 per person (cash, check, or Venmo)

RSVP: Visit the parish website or call the parish office

Theme: "Dancing through the decades"

\*\*\* Please RSVP for the new date, even if you had previously RSVP'd for the old date.

\*\*\* If you have already purchased tickets for the previous date, you do not need to purchase again.

This event is a BYOB! There will be food, drinks, music, and great tricky tray baskets! If you like, come dressed in your favorite decade, prom-style, and be ready to dance to music from all generations! A prize for the best dressed will be given! Don't miss out!

**Divine Mercy Academy News****New student registration is now open for 2023!**

Call or email us to schedule a tour, shadow day or for more information:

[aservidio@dmrockaway.org](mailto:aservidio@dmrockaway.org) or call us at 973-627-6003



**Divine Mercy Academy, a PreK3 to Grade 8 elementary school located in Rockaway has the following openings for the 2023-2024 school year:**

Middle school social studies teacher

Part-time librarian

If interested, please contact Amy Servidio at [aservidio@dmrockaway.org](mailto:aservidio@dmrockaway.org) or call 973-627-6003. In addition, please send your cover letter, resume, and certifications to [aservidio@dmrockaway.org](mailto:aservidio@dmrockaway.org)

**Beyond The Beacon Podcast with Bishop Kevin Sweeney** Join Bishop Kevin Sweeney and Communications Director Jai Agnish of the Diocese of Paterson, N.J., as they discuss current events and topics relevant to the local Church in Paterson and the global Catholic Church. Bishop Sweeney answers questions from listeners, interviews guests, and shares reflections and insights helpful for all striving to live a life of faith, hope, and love. All are invited to send questions for the bishop and podcast topic suggestions to [beyond@patersondiocese.org](mailto:beyond@patersondiocese.org). You can listen where you find your favorite podcast or visit <https://beyond.beaconnj.org>.

**ATTENTION GUYS!** – The Diocesan Vocations Office is hosting the annual "Quo Vadis Retreat" on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. This one day gathering of high school age young men will take place at Camp Shiloh in Hewitt. The day begins at 9 am and concludes at 8 pm. Bishop Kevin Sweeney will be in attendance. Food is provided by the members of the Knights of Columbus. Please talk with Father Zig or Father Matt for additional information or go to the website: [PatersonVocations.org](http://PatersonVocations.org).

**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 on the following Mondays: June 19, July 10, and July 17 and will be 5:00-6:30 PM each day. Come see what it's like to play baseball at Morris Catholic. To sign up or for more information, visit [queensmenbaseball.org](http://queensmenbaseball.org) or scan the QR code to get to the website directly.



**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

**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, favors, etc. PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!!! Fr. Zig

**St. Cecilia Seniors Trips:** Wind Creek Casino - July 13th Cost \$35 (you will receive \$25 in free Slot play)

Silver Birches - July 27th Cost \$72 - includes: bus, lunch, cruise on Lake Wallenpaupack - and a full day of fun!

**All are welcome** - Call Carol Shanik at 201-919-4125 or call/ text Sophie Boylan at 973-652-0762 to make your reservation.

**SAVE THE DATE**— Saturday, June 24, Pro-Life Rally and March on the anniversary of the Dobbs Decision and the overturning of Roe v Wade, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m, State House Annex, Trenton. Please email Jean at [jeancape@morriscountyrightrighttolife.org](mailto:jeancape@morriscountyrightrighttolife.org) if you will attend and need more information or transportation to the rally.

**THANK YOU TO ALL**— Last Sunday's parish picnic provided an opportunity for us to gather and enjoy one another's company along with some great picnic food. I am so very grateful to team which worked so very hard to make our time together a nice experience. The Men's Society and the Saint Monica Guild members, along with the Rosary Society, took the leadership roles by providing the "man-woman power" needed to host this event. Special thanks to Adrian Curelaru for providing the outdoor tent and furniture. To all who assisted: MAY GOD BLESS YOU! – Father Zig

**FALL COURSES IN DENVER**— Theology and philosophy courses are being offered this fall at the Assumption College for Sisters located on the grounds of Morris Catholic high School and open to all. Please check the bulletin board located in the church vestibule for the listing of courses both in person and on-line. For additional information you can call: 973.957.0188, ext 100 or go on line at: [academicdean@acs350.org](mailto:academicdean@acs350.org).

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**WORK ON OUR PROPERTY**— There are a number of projects which are or will be taking place on our parish property. The **front porch of the convent** has been replaced to provide a safer access for the Sisters. The **retaining wall behind the rectory** will be replaced and a **portion of the retaining wall near the school** will also be replaced. This work will begin shortly after the conclusion of school on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Both walls are original to the property when the church was constructed in 1957 and are now giving way causing a potential danger. Lastly, **plumbing repairs** have had to be made in the parish office and the gym which have become significant expenses. I share all this with you, my good people, so that you will be informed of the concerns which need to be addressed to maintain our parish property in good shape. Mindful of this, I ask that you continue your generous offerings to Saint Cecilia's so that we can pay these bills. If you can make a "special offering" to help us in these needed repairs, I am most grateful. I don't doubt the Lord's goodness and your generosity! – Father Zig

**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT:** The Knights of Columbus Lafayette Council 514 thank the parishioners of St. Cecilia for their generosity toward a worth while project. Donations of \$1,667.26 were received.

**AN INVITATION TO ST. CECILIA FAMILIES**- First Friday Family Overnight Camping—On July 7th, we will be celebrating the First Friday devotion with Mass and Adoration followed by overnight camping in the back of Sacred Heart Church. It begins at 6:30pm in the Church, followed by smores and games in the back of the Church. Mass will be celebrated the next morning, and breakfast from Riverside Shoppe. Please RSVP to Jennifer Nelson at [shofjesusfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:shofjesusfaithformation@gmail.com) for more information. Cost is \$25 per family.

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



My dear parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ commonly known as CORPUS CHRISTI (Latin: Body of Christ). Prior to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council this feast was observed on the first “free” Thursday following Pentecost. Thursday was chosen because it was on a Thursday that Our Lord celebrated the Last Supper at which He instituted the Most Holy Eucharist. This feast was introduced to the Western Church through the efforts of a Belgium nun, Saint Juliana, in the Middle Ages. The great theologian, Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote the beautiful prayers and hymns associated with this feast which we still use today. A feature of today’s observance is the singing of the SEQUENCE, a musical and poetic work which is sung at the Holy Mass prior to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Since the Institution of the Most Blessed Sacrament occurred at the Last Supper, the observance of Corpus Christi allows us to celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist with great joy rather than during the austerity of Holy Week when our thoughts are on the Lord’s Passion and Death. A great demonstration of our joy and faith in the Lord Jesus “hidden in the Blessed Sacrament” is the outdoor procession which is traditional throughout the world. On this day the Holy Eucharist, placed in the monstrance (the vessel for exposition), is carried by the priest in procession throughout the neighborhood of the church (and beyond in some places) accompanied by the faithful. I hope that you will join Father Matt and me this afternoon at 2 o’clock at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church for our combined parish Corpus Christi Procession.

Of course we are in the midst of a EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL called for by the Bishops of the United States. This revival will culminate in a “Eucharistic Congress” which will take place in Indianapolis next July with thousands of Catholics from throughout the country in attendance. A wonderful sign of faith occurred in Manhattan over the Memorial Day weekend when thousands of people from the Archdiocese of New York participated in a Eucharistic procession through Times Square and ending at Saint Patrick Cathedral. Media reports said that the procession occurred without disruption and that onlookers were very respectful.

I plan to hold a large outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament starting in our church and walking through the streets of the borough until we reach Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. I will be meeting with Father Matt, Father Pawel (Pastor of Sacred Heart Church) and lay people from both parishes to plan this event which I hope will draw hundreds of people. I hope to have this event next year prior to the close of the July Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Should you like to assist me in planning this event please contact me, I could use your assistance as we plan this Rockaway demonstration of faith in the Blessed Sacrament.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST – GLORY FOREVER

**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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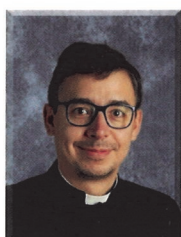
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## Divine Mercy Academy Rockaway, New Jersey Class of 2023



Christian  
Carrasquillo



Nicholas  
Michetti



Keen  
Odom



Nathan  
Power



Arianna  
Ricardo



Camila  
Rodriguez



Preston  
Sainte



Matthew  
Shivas



Emily  
Trautman



Olsakwe  
Umeukeje



Pawel  
Wolak



Alexander  
Zamora

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