

# Saint Cecilia Parish

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PRINCIPAL

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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 19, Saint Romuald, Abbot**

6:30 am — For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

**Tuesday, June 20, Weekday**

6:30 am — Manuel Sebastian req. by Carmen Faber

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the LaFountain Family req. by Agnes Maye

**Wednesday, June 21, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

6:30 am — Bill Gallagher req. by his wife, Jeanne

8:00 am — Gerard Cunningham req. by Ed &amp; Mary Merz

**Thursday, June 22, Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs**

6:30 am — Zigmund Peplowski req. by Fr. Zig &amp; Brothers

8:00 am — John Lebano req. by Agnes Maye

**Friday, June 23, Weekday**

6:30 am — Frederick &amp; Mary Brussell req. by the McDonnell Family

8:00 am — George &amp; Rose Ann Cunningham req. by Ed &amp; Mary Merz

**Saturday, June 24, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

8:00 am — Spiritual Bouquet for the Intention of Fathers of our parish

**Sunday, June 25, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 pm — Tom Degnan, 3rd Anniversary, req. by his wife, Pat Jack Zayac req. by the Sepe Family

7:00 pm — Joseph Darlak req. by Fr. Matt

Thomas John Sullivan req. by Gloria &amp; Bill Stahl

8:00 am — Michael T. O'Brien req. by John &amp; Margaret Byrne

9:15 am — Leo P. Vitcusky req. by his daughter, Roberta

Nina Skrypak req. by Susan Brennan

10:45 am — Marie Zambrano req. by Family

Steven Parillo req. by Frank &amp; Terry Wos

12:15 pm — Eleanor Moravec req. by Rosalie &amp; Bob Marmara

Vita Noto req. by her sister, Jean Asti

**ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : June 11, 2023

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 9,767.50
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,800.00
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	\$ 14,567.50

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

<b>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (32.50)</b>
<b>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (13,228.93)</b>

*We are **thankful** for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC*



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

**Edward Breslauer**

*Requested by his wife, Noreen*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** — Father Matt, Sister Diane and Sister Marlene join with me in wishing a very Happy and Blessed Father's Day to all the fathers of our parish. May Christ the Good Shepherd shower you with heavenly benediction! — Father Zig

**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.



# Happy Father's Day!



**OUR CHILDREN** – Children should be accompanied by a parent or adult when using the restrooms in the parish hall. We want to make sure that our children return to Mass promptly and safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### **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~

**DROP BOX IN PLACE** – A “drop box” has been positioned near the right side of the front door of the parish office. The box will serve as a place where communications can be picked-up or left-off after office hours.

**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

**YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING CODE** – A “QR CODE” is displayed on the bulletin board in the church vestibule, as well as printed in the Sunday bulletin for your use in making an offering to Saint Cecilia's. Some parishioners have indicated that this is a more convenient way for them to make their Sunday offering and so I would like to accommodate them! Your weekly and generous offerings to the Lord are what keep our ministries alive. Thank you for your kindness! – Father Zig



**Monday, June 19**

7:00 pm—Holy Hour/Confessions

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

**Tuesday, June 20**

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

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

**Wednesday, June 21****Thursday, June 22****Friday, June 23****Saturday, June 24**

9:00 am—Cemetery Clean-up

**Sunday, June 25**

**Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/em.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/em.html)

**GREAT JOB!** – I am not surprised by the tremendous response from our parishioners regarding last Sunday's Diocesan Corpus Christi Food Drive. We had a total of 166 full bags of items requested by the diocese and in addition collected \$784 in cash donations. Saint Cecilia's has once again proved itself to be a generous people who come to the aid of those who are in need. God bless you my good people! – Father Zig

**THANK YOU** – In today's bulletin you will find an article which addresses some of the very expensive repairs which are currently taking place on our parish property and how I ask for your continued generosity. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the following parishioners who have given \$1,000 to help with the work being done: SOPHIE BOYLAN and RAY WIEST. May the Lord richly bless them for the generosity they have shown Christ's Church. I appeal to ALL PARISHIONERS to show generosity to Saint Cecilia's, our spiritual home. – Father Zig

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY MASS** – Holy Mass on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated at the parish cemetery at 9 o'clock in the morning. Those who attend should bring a lawn chair. The 6:30 and 8 o'clock morning Masses will not take place on this day due to the national holiday of Independence Day.

**FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION** – Thank you for making an offering to support our diocesan seminarians with today's second offering. Your generous donations and prayers support our "future fathers" who will minister to us in the years to come.

**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 [jeanapone@morriscountyrighttolife.org](mailto:jeanapone@morriscountyrighttolife.org) if you will attend and need more information or transportation to the rally.

**FALL COURSES IN DENVILLE** – 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).

**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.

**It's Safe, It's Simple & It's Convenient**  
**Give online with WeShare**

Support St. Cecilia Parish today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account: Visit [www.st-cecilia.org](http://www.st-cecilia.org) and click Donate Online. Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That's it! **OR SCAN HERE:**



**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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Craft and Vendor Fair**

**St. Cecilia Church Hall**

**90 Church Street**

**Rockaway, NJ 07866**

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**For further information email:**

[saintcecciliarosarysociety@gmail.com](mailto:saintcecciliarosarysociety@gmail.com)



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



My dear parishioners,

Today we commemorate the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. Looking at the Scripture texts for this Sunday we see the theme of leadership emerging and inviting us to reflect upon it. In the Old Testament reading Moses appears as the leader of the escaped Israelites who camp in the Sinai. The Lord not only confirms Moses' role as leader but also informs the people of their leadership role in the world. For this nation itself will be "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" which will draw others to the Lord of hosts by their example of faithful service.

In the Gospel passage the Lord Jesus is that good leader, the Good Shepherd, who has love for His sheep and cares for them by providing other shepherds to minister to them. These are the laborers, although not many in number, who lovingly provide pastoral care in His Name. The Gospel names these laborers as the 12 Apostles who go forth and perform the same works as does the Master. They minister without desire for neither worldly recognition nor riches but only for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Their life of service models true leadership which is shown in the unselfish care of others.

In the United States we observe Father's Day which invites us to express our gratitude to our father for the love and leadership he provides for the family. Although fathers are not perfect, just as none of us are, nonetheless they are called upon to give their family the provisions and protection it needs to thrive in our world. A father's strength and wisdom are guiding forces which keep their family secure and healthy. A father's faith helps to establish a firm spiritual foundation for his family. His spiritual leadership in this life will ultimately lead his family to eternal life.

As the Gospel for this Sunday speaks of the Apostles we know that those who followed them are the bishops who stand in Apostolic Succession. Their ministry is shared with the priests, with limitations, so that those in holy orders are leaders in the family which is the Church. Their "fatherly leadership" is indeed important for the Christian community and is the cause for our needed prayers that many more will be called to this office. Today let us remember the "Fathers" of our Church, the Bishops and Priests to whom we look for pastoral leadership. Let us pray for our seminarians that they will continue in their formation to become good priests. Let us pray that many more young men may hear the call of Christ to come and follow Him in service to God's People.

Happy Father's Day!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! – GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

**ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious**  
**June 21 - Patron of Catholic Youth**

This youthful scion of the illustrious house of Gonzaga, son of Ferdinand, Marquis of Castiglione, was born at Castiglione in the diocese of Brescia, March 9, 1568. From his tenderest years St. Aloysius devoted himself heart and soul to the service of his Creator. His memory has come to us with the sweet fragrance of the most unsullied purity. He united an innocence perfectly angelic with a penance truly heroic.

At fourteen years of age he accompanied his father to Spain, where the latter went to attend the Empress, Maria of Austria, wife of Maximilian II. Phillip II made him page to Prince James, elder brother of Philip II. His innocence remained uncontaminated amid the vanities of the court, nor could the world draw his heart from God.

On his return to Italy in 1584, he manifested his desire to enter the Society of Jesus. In spite of opposition, he finally succeeded in carrying out his intentions and became a novice at Rome in 1585, during the pontificate of Pope Pius V. He made his profession November 20, 1587, and soon after received minor orders.

From the beginning of his religious life St. Aloysius was a model of perfection. During an epidemic in Rome in 1591, he distinguished himself by his charity toward the sick in the hospital. These labors brought on him the illness that ended in his death. His last days were the faithful echo of his briefly consummated life. He exchanged time for eternity on June 21, 1591, at twenty-four years of age. St. Aloysius was canonized in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII.

*PRAYER God, Author of all heavenly gifts. You gave St. Aloysius both a wonderful innocence of life and a deep spirit of penance. Through his merits grant that we may imitate his penitence. Amen*

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# ***Thank you Dad!***



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