

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 "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: Last Saturday after 8:00 am Mass.

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 16, Saint Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary-Alacoque, Virgin

6:30 am – Rose & Sigmund Peplowski req. by their sons

8:00 am – Nevaeh Robinson req. by Pat Degnan

Tuesday, October 17, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 am – Special Intention: Debra Moore req. by Diane Garafano

8:00 am – Thomas Boylan req. by Sophie Boylan

Wednesday, October 18, Saint Luke, Evangelist

6:30 am – Special Intention: Martin Brown req. by Jeanine & Nick Losito

8:00 am – Jack Zayac req. by Jim & Dolores McConnell

Thursday, October 19, Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 am – For the sick listed in our bulletin and their caregivers

8:00 am – Frank Quara req. by DiMarcantonio Family

Friday, October 20, Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

6:30 am – Louise Vellotta req. by Family

8:00 am – Ron Gatzke, Jr, 20 yr Anv., req. by Family

Saturday, October 21, Weekday

8:00 am – Patricia Giannetti

Sunday, October 22, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm – Bill Gallagher req. by wife, Jeanne

Angela Goritski req. by the Maulbeck Family

7:00 pm – Robert Duffy req. by Ann Duffy

8:00 am – Dorothy DeLiberto req. by Elaine & Tom Potkalesky

9:15 am – Thomas J. Finn req. by the Lommatzsch & Rice Families

Tabie Williams Starks req. by Victor, Nellie & Taylor Starks

10:45 am – John & Lillian Toohey req. by Carol Parillo

12:15 pm – Louise Velotta & Ronnie Gatzke req. by Rosalie & Bob Marmara

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, 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, Claire Wasacz, Emilio Viola, James Deegan, Martha Salvesen, Ramiro Hinojosa, Jimmy Buckley, Emily Gatzke, Clare Desmond, 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, Kevin R. Bruno, II, Larry Gatzke, Jeremiah O'Brien, Lanie Bruno, Ben Duphiney, Jill Breslin, Nick Auriemma, Joan Apgar, Richard Sala.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : October 8, 2023**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 10,040.89
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 5,014.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 15,054.89

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,038.46

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,016.43
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,925.21)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

FATHER MATT – Father Matt will be on vacation visiting his family in Europe. We wish him good travels and anxiously await his return on October 25th.

Our Condolences to the Family of:

**Rina Habjan, Patricia Giannetti
and Donald Zink**

Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord



Flowers This Week

*The Altar Flowers
are in loving memory of
Louise Velotta & Ronnie Gatzke
Requested by
Rosalie & Bob Marmara*



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.

RCIA COMMUNICATIONS 2023

INVITATION TO RCIA— Have you been worshipping 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 meetings begin on Sundays starting in October in the St. Cecilia Parish Office. Interested in more info? Leave a message with your phone number and/or email address for Sister Diane at the Parish Office: 973-627-0313 ext. 14.

LOW GLUTEN – Those who cannot tolerate wheat products can receive the Holy Eucharist via a low gluten host which is approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Person(s) must make themselves identified to the priest no later than 10 minutes before Mass begins by going to the priest sacristy so that the preparation may be made for Mass.

SAINT CECILIA PRESENTS... - The next presentation in the series entitled "Saint Cecilia Presents..." will take place on Thursday evening, October 19th beginning at 7 o'clock in Hayes Hall. The presenter will be Dr. Dawn Eden Goldstein who is the author of the book, Father Ed: The Story of Bill W's Spiritual Sponsor. Fr. Ed is the first biography of Father Edward Dowling, SJ, whose guidance transformed Alcoholics Anonymous founder Bill Wilson's life and deepened the spirituality of the 12 step movement.

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.

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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 and click Donate Online. Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That's it! **OR SCAN HERE:**



2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "I Have Called You By Name"

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal serves thousands of people who rely on our support. Your gift plays a vital role in the work of dozens of Catholic Charities' programs. It also supports seminarian education, Catholic urban education, Nazareth Village and retired priests' needs. In addition, each parish receives half of all funds received over their parish goals, with over \$900,000 returned last year to parishes – and over \$4.3 million in five years! Please join us by 28 helping those in need throughout our diocese and supporting our own parish. May God bless you for your participation in this worthwhile cause!

Visit www.2023appeal.org to make a gift today.

Volunteers Needed! As we begin a new school year we also begin a new faith formation year for the children of the parish. We are in need of volunteer catechists to help teach in the classrooms. If you have ever considered serving in this very important ministry, please reach out to Jim Clancy at the parish office. Serving as a teacher of religious education is a vocational calling, and I would ask you to please prayerfully consider what God might be calling you to do. Classes are held on Sunday mornings and Tuesday nights. Please see the parish website for more details.

Jim Clancy - StCecilia.FaithFormation@gmail.com

"Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young! Do you want to perform a holy act? Teach the young! Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young! Truly, now and for the future, among holy things, this is the holiest." – St John Bosco

FESTA CECILIA – Our second annual FESTA CECILIA will take place on Friday, November 10th in Hayes Hall from 5:30 to 8 o'clock. Based on an Italian festival our gathering celebrates our patroness Saint Cecilia who lived and was martyred in Rome. Our festival will begin with Italian food being available from 5:30 to 7 o'clock followed by a program of music and activities for all ages. A \$20 donation is asked per family and may be submitted at the door. Registration is required and must be done on the parish website no later than Friday, November 3rd. **JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FAITH!!**

Children's Liturgy—9:15 Mass: Children's liturgy at the 9:15 Mass has resumed for the 2023-2024 year. All children ages 4-10 are invited to participate. Adult readers, homilists and aides are needed for this ministry. Please call the parish office or Denise at 973-462-3795 for information.

Monday, October 16

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, October 17

12:00 pm—Seniors Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Confirmation Class (DMA)

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

Wednesday, October 18

8:30 am—Soup Kitchen (Hayes Hall)

Thursday, October 19

7:00 pm—"Saint Cecilia Presents..." (Hayes Hall)

Friday, October 20

7:00 pm—Catacombs Youth Group (Hayes Hall)

Saturday, October 21

8:30 am—St. Monica Guild Meeting (Hayes Hall)

Sunday, October 22

9:15 am—Children's Liturgy (Hayes Hall)

10:30 am—CCD Class (DMA)

COAT DRIVE – The Men's Society will conduct a winter coat drive on Saturday and Sunday, November 11-12. Winter coats for men, women and children are needed for the poor and will be distributed through the Market Street Mission in Morristown and Father English Community Center in Paterson. Please, new coats for those in need OR gently used and clean coats ONLY. The drive is held in commemoration of the Feast of Saint Martin of Tours whose feast is November 11th. One of the stories associated with Martin is that he gave his cloak to a poor person suffering from the cold and who later revealed Himself as the Lord Jesus. Please leave your donation on the designated tables in Hayes Hall.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Next weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you!

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~

Divine Mercy Academy News**Divine Mercy Academy is hiring!**

We have an open position for a part-time reading specialist. Experience in Orton-Gillingham and/or Wilson Reading System a plus. Send resume to jpatel@dmrockaway.org.

We also have opening for part-time aftercare staff. Please call the school if interested @ 973-627-6003.

Divine Mercy Academy's Grandfriends in Faith Program

We are delighted to announce the revival of our Grandfriends in Faith Program. Ms. Roberti and her fourth grade students would like to extend a warm invitation to senior parishioners to join this wonderful intergenerational program. The goal of this program is to promote love, unity, and warm fellowship between youth and senior adults. The fourth grade class and their Grandfriends will meet throughout the school year in DMA's all purpose room to form a lasting friendship, join creative forces in a craft or activity, and grow in faith. Of course the meeting is never complete without delicious treats provided by the fourth grade parents. Please note that all Grandfriends will be required to complete the Diocesan "Protecting God's Children" process prior to participation. If you are interested in joining Grandfriends in Faith, please contact Mrs. Patel at

jpatel@dmrockaway.org.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS – Mrs. Jaime Patel and I would like to thank all those who have made donations to the newly established Saint Faustina Scholarship Fund to aid Divine Mercy Academy. All donations will be acknowledged personally by the school and will be published in the upcoming days. God bless you! – Father Zig

From Our Lady of the Mountain Church in Long Valley—Join us on our trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. We will be seeing a great performance of the Christmas Show which will be truly amazing. The performance will be on November 10th. The bus leaves from Our Lady of the Mountain Church in Long Valley at 9:15 a.m. and returns around 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$155 for adults, children 12 and under are \$88. This includes the bus trip, show, and an Amish-style lunch. For registration please contact the Parish office at 908-876-4395.

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

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:

saintceciariosarysociety@gmail.com

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY – Join us for the “5TH Sunday of the Month Rosary” at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street at 3 o’clock in the afternoon on October 29th. The Holy Rosary will be prayed as well the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This service is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 3359, to which all are invited to attend.

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

TUTOR A CATHOLIC SISTER!

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ, is in need of volunteers to tutor Sister students in person. We are also seeking a volunteer fluent in French to assist a Sister recently arrived from Burundi. Please call 973-957-0188 X 102 or email president@acs350.org. THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE SISTERS FIND SUCCESS!

TUESDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES

Assumption College for Sisters invites you to the Tuesday Night Lectures Series, *Honoring Seasons of Life*. Schedule and topics: Sept. 26, *Season of Creation*, "How can we celebrate and advocate for God's gifts of creation?" with Sr. Patrice Owens, SSC; October 24, *Seasons of Wholeness*, "What are the Eastern Catholic Churches?" with Fr. Sigmund Peplowski; Nov. 14, *Season of Abundance*, *America's Indigenous Peoples*, "What can their heritage, spirituality teach us?" with Sr. Maire Pauline Demek, SCC and Sr. Carol Schuyler, SCC; Dec. 12, *Season of Emmanuel*, "Our place at the Advent/Christmas table with the Holy Family" with Mr. John Ward. Times: 7 - 8 pm, all lectures via LIVE STREAM. To register contact registrar@acs350.org indicating lectures you wish to attend and include a phone number. Free will offering. All are welcome!

Please join Morris County Right to Life in Morristown this fall between Sept 27th and Nov. 5th for 40 Days for Life. We are looking for volunteer to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood at 196 Speedwell Avenue for an hour or so between 7am and 7pm. Many babies lives are lost at this location every week. Prayers save lives! Please contact Frances Spilman at 44lifeus@gmail.com for more information. You can also sign up at: 40DaysforLife.com/ Morristown

Morris Catholic High School Open House

Morris Catholic High School in Denville, NJ, is accepting applications for the Class of 2028 and transfer students for this academic year. Learn more about Morris Catholic by attending our fall Open Houses: Sunday, October 22, 2-4 pm. Register for this event at www.morriscatholic.org/openhouse/. Contact admissions@morriscatholic.org to learn more about Morris Catholic and this event!

St. Cecilia's LIFE Runners'

THOMAS A HALTIGAN MEMORIAL PRO-LIFE 5K

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Run, Walk or Jog. 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, NJ. 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. Write your name(s) and LIFE Runners via Venmo @StCecilia-FaithFormation) Fundraiser for *Rockaway Denville Catholic Respect Life Ministry*-

Registration & More Info:

John Byrne:

e-mail: jaidanbyrne@optonline.net

Jim Gallagher: e-mail

e-mail: jamesfgall@aol.com

Phone/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, NJ and is NOT timed.** Registration and Jerseys for sale at weekend Masses, October 14 & 15 (\$25 pp). Donations accepted if you wish to support this \$5K but can't attend **REGISTRATION Online** via Parish Website: www.st-cecilia.org





My dear parishioners,

We come into God's House today to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We enter into this holy house to recall the Lord Jesus' victory over death in His Holy Resurrection, the victory which took place "*on the first day of the week.*" (John 20:1) At the Lord's command and in the tradition of the Apostles we celebrate the Eucharist recalling Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection. This is the divine feast to which we are invited to "*taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*" (Psalm 34:8)

This divine banquet is foreshadowed in the Old Testament reading from the Prophet Isaiah who envisioned a feast which is rich and abundant for all the peoples of the earth. All are welcome to indulge in the Lord's generosity and to savor His rich fare.

We hear in the Gospel parable which the Lord Jesus speaks in today's Gospel periscope that the invitation to attend the divine banquet is ignored by some. Excuses galore come forth from those who are concerned with trivial matters. Those who reject the invitation to the feast also become enraged when the Lord's servants are sent to remind them of the invitation. Resentment spews forth from those who find other interests more appealing than the Lord's generosity. It is to these that the Lord's words apply: "*The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come... Bind his hands and his feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.*"

The "wedding feast" which God provides cannot be found anywhere else but in His Church. The heavenly food which is provided for us is the Most Holy Eucharist; the precious, holy and life-giving Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. This is the medicine of immortality, the antidote to death which the faithful receive as pilgrim fare on their journey to heaven.

We continue to experience the EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL called by the Bishops of the United States. This revival is meant to reaffirm our faith in the true presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. The Holy Communion we receive at every Mass is Christ Himself who is worthy of all worship and praise.

I am so grateful to Father Matt and our school staff who assisted him in conducting a "Eucharist Day" at Divine Mercy Academy last Thursday on the feast of Saint Faustina, the Apostle and Secretary of Divine Mercy. Father brought the Most Blessed Sacrament into the school where a chapel was set up in one of the classrooms so that the students and teachers could come throughout the day to spend some time in prayer before Our Lord. What a wonderful job Father did in reminding our Catholic school children and staff of the reverence we are to show to Jesus, the Bread of Life.

I remind you again of how we present ourselves to receive Holy Communion at Holy Mass, with reverence and devotion.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

**STS. Isaac Jogues, John De Brebeuf,
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs—October 19**

Sts. Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf, Charles Garmier, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lallemant, Noel Chabanel, John de Lalande and Rene Goupil, French Jesuits, were among the missionaries who preached the Gospel to Huron and Iroquois Indians in the United States and Canada. They were martyred by the Iroquois Indians in the years 1642, 1648, and 1649. Pope Pius XI beatified them on June 21, 1925, and in 1930 they were canonized by the same Pope.

St. Isaac Jogues, in particular, is outstanding. IN the course of his labors preaching the Gospel to the Mohawks in Canada he penetrated to the eastern entrance of Lake Superior, one thousand miles inland and became the first European to do so. In 1648, he was taken captive by the Iroquois and imprisoned for thirteen Months. During this time, he underwent cruel tortures and ultimately lost the use of his hands. After being rescued by the Dutch, he returned to Canada two years later, and in 1646 he visited Auriesville, New York, to negotiate peace with the Iroquois. He is said to be the first Catholic priest to have set foot on Manhattan Island.

On a third visit to the Iroquois, the Bear clan, which believed that he was a sorcerer, blamed him for an outbreak of sickness and the failure of their crops. Accordingly, he was seized, tortured, and beheaded.

PRAYER God, You consecrated the spread of the Faith in North America by the blood of St. Isaac Jogues and his companions who were preaching the Faith to the Indians. Through their intercession let more people everywhere respond to the Good News of salvation. Amen.

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