

Saint Cecilia Parish

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PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Diane Boykow
CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR

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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: 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, January 29, Weekday

6:30 am—Special Intention: Maria Peppe req. by Al Habjan

8:00 am—Jeanne Gallagher req. by Ag Struble

Tuesday, January 30, Weekday

6:30 am—Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am—Alicia Becker req. by Pat Zayac

Wednesday, January 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest

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

8:00 am—Stella Rychlicki req. by Ed & Mary Merz

Thursday, February 1, Weekday

6:30 am—Ignace Jean-Francois req. by Viviane

8:00 am—Stella Rychlicki req. by Ag Struble

Friday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 am—Linda Ann Donatoni

8:00 am—Fred Slanovec req. by McDonnell Family

Saturday, February 3, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop, BVM

8:00 am—Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Sunday, February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm—Denis Klus req. by Darlene, Amanda & Tyler

Ellen "Nellie" Flynn req. by DiVite Family

7:00 pm—Jeanne Gallagher req. by Trudy Simmons

8:00 am—Kathleen Merz Felten req. by Ed & Mary Merz

9:15 am—Rose Gatske, Birthday Remembrance, req. by Family

10:45 am—Renato Sebastian & Antonita DeJesus req. by Family

12:15 pm—Leon Jankowski req. by Nicholas & Jeanine Losito

Peter Cerenzio req. by Bob & Rosalie Marmara

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALSWeek Ending : January 21, 2024

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 9,115.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 6,387.38
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	<u>\$ 15,502.38</u>

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,463.91
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,890.98)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©PPC



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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, 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 Cummiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Brian Bosworth, Dennis Dilger, Robyne LaGrotta, 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, Michael Hafke, Tyler Bascharow, Kevin R. Bruno, II, Jeremiah O'Brien, Lanie Bruno, Jill Breslin, Joan Apgar, Richard Sala, Richard Cortese, Kira Woyce.



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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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

We have begun this year's process of welcoming adults to RCIA (preparation for Baptism) and including adults seeking Confirmation and Eucharist in the Catholic Church. Our four inquiry sessions are now completed. But it's not too late to join us.

For this preliminary period our focus topics overviewed Catholic understanding of these basics for potential members before they make any commitments.

Living Baptism – (about Sacraments)

Knowing and Meeting Jesus – (about Scripture)

Looking at the Apostles Creed – (about Doctrine)

Living Catholic – Commandments & Beatitudes – (about Moral teachings)

New members can review this material at home under the direction of the RCIA Director and discern their readiness to join the preparation process.

The Catechumenate Community begins on December 3rd at the 10:45 am Mass followed by a meeting in the parish office until 12:30 pm. For more information or to register, leave a message for Sister Diane at the parish office - 973.627.0313 ext. 14 with your phone number and email.

MARDI GRAS – Our next parish “faith, food and fun event” will take place on Friday, February 9th in Hayes Hall beginning at 5:30 with supper followed by our program for both adults and children. This Pre-Lent gathering will be filled with surprises for the entire family. Registration is a must by going to the parish website. The donation is \$20 per family. Seating is limited so register early!

SAVE THE DATE – Although it's early, you may want to save the date for “DANIEL” at the Sight and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania. The Saint Monica Guild will conduct a bus trip to view this highly rated production on Friday, September 20, 2024. For information please call Pat Zayac at 973.625.4572.

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.

PRAYER APP FOR \$1 – Our parish has purchased 500 partial subscriptions to the # 1 Catholic prayer app, HALLOW! You can access a treasure of resources through this app: thousands of prayers, meditations, and music play lists for you to enjoy and enhance your personal prayer life. These partial subscriptions are a \$40 value and are available to you for only \$1. Please visit the parish website, st-cecilia.org to learn about how to claim your subscription and start praying today with Hallow!

YOUR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE! – Our parish's 150th Anniversary Committee is seeking suggestions as to how we might celebrate our 150th anniversary which will run December 1, 2024 to November 22, 2025. You may go to the parish website, st-cecilia.org, to send in your suggestions OR by placing them in the ‘suggestion box’ located on the table in the church vestibule.

Blood Pressure Monitoring

The Father Jean-Claude Health Ministry has been assisting parishioners over the past years monitor their blood pressures once a month after Mass. We are now in need of 2 RNs to assist us after the 4:30 PM Saturday Evening Mass, or after the 8 AM Sunday Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Carol McGotty at 201-787-7908.

ROSARY CARDS – You are invited to participate in a nationwide Rosary crusade which begins this month and concludes in September at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Learn more about this event at rosarypilgrimage.org. Prayer cards for this event may be found on the table in the church vestibule.

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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:**



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.

WINTER POLICY - In the event of inclement weather and Divine Mercy Academy is closed, the parish office will be closed and the church will be open ONLY for the liturgical service scheduled. Also, all evening events will be cancelled.

Monday, January 297:00 pm—*Holy Hour (Church)*7:30 pm—*Bible Study (Hayes Hall)***Tuesday, January 30**9:30 am—*Bible Study (Hayes Hall)***Wednesday, January 31****Thursday, February 2****Friday, February 3****Saturday, February 4**8:30 am—*Rosary Society Meeting (Hayes Hall)***Sunday, February 5**10:30 am—*CCD Class (DMA)*10:45 am—*RCIA (Church & Parish Office)*

BLESSING OF THE THROAT – The traditional blessing of the throat in commemoration of the Feast of Saint Blaise will take place at the conclusion of all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, February 3&4.

FATHER ZIG AWAY – I will be attending the WINTER PRIEST INSTITUTE at Saint Vincent DePaul Seminary in Boyton Beach, Florida, January 26-February 2. This year's focus is: "Preaching the Gospel of Mark" which will be presented by Monsignor Stephen Bossso, a professor of Sacred Scripture. Every priest in the Diocese of Paterson is expected to attend an annual continuing education program and what better way to do so than to go to Florida in January! – Father Zig

CANDLEMAS DAY – Friday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple which is traditionally known as Candlemas Day. The liturgy for this feast calls for the blessing of candles to commemorate the words of Simeon who when holding the Christ Child said, "Lord, let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a **LIGHT** of revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory of your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32) Blessed candles are used at home for devotional purposes such as for prayer, the blessing of the home, Holy Communion call at home for the sick/elderly, etc. Today is the 40th and final day of Christmas.

PADRE PIO – The Padre Pio Prayer meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 7th at 10 a.m. in the votive chapel located off the church vestibule. All are welcome to attend our hour-long time of prayer and discussion regarding the spirituality of this most popular intercessor.

Divine Mercy Academy News

Join us at our Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 10:30am to 12:30pm!

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

Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs available. Full Day Kindergarten. Transfer grants available for public school students transferring into grades 1-8. We are located at 87 Halsey Avenue in Rockaway. Visit our website at www.dmarockaway.org or call 973-627-6003 for more information.

NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

Number of Schools

There are 5,920 Catholic schools in the United States;
4,746 are elementary/middle schools and
1,174 are secondary schools.



Sources: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2022-2023: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN – Bishop Kevin Sweeney is inviting young men of the diocese to join him for a 3 day retreat at Loyola House Retreat Center in Morristown, March 1-3 to help discover one's calling in life. This event is free of charge. Please see the details in the retreat postcard which can be found on the bulletin table in the church vestibule. To register please contact Father Ed Rama at 973.777.8818, ext 715 or go to: vocations@patersondiocese.org.

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

COOK BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED – The Saint Monica Guild has embarked upon the production of a cook book which will be published later in the year. Now is the time for the gathering of your favorite recipes which the Saint Monica Guild would like to include, especially your ethnic specialties. Soon a representative from the Saint Monica Guild will speak to us at Sunday Mass regarding this project which will help introduce our parish anniversary celebration!

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!

Pregnant? Need Help? Know someone who needs help?
You are not alone! The Catholic Church wants to help you and your baby through your pregnancy and after! The following link will take you to the Paterson Diocesan website for sources of help for women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies: <https://rcdop.org/moms-in-need>

Prayer for the Holy Land

*Lord, the Holy Land is again
struck by violence. Look with
mercy upon the land that
was Your earthly home.*

*Receive the deceased into Your
presence. Comfort the wounded
and the displaced. Hold close
to You all who are in despair.*

*You are our peace and light.
put an end to the terror and
suffering in the Holy Land
and Middle East.*

Amen

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 January 21st to February 4th and there will be a commitment ceremony during the 7:00 pm Mass on February 10th. A parents' meeting covering the entire program will be held on January 16th, 7-8 pm in the Divine Mercy Academy cafeteria and is strongly encouraged due to the detailed nature of the information teens will receive. The program fee is \$20 and **pre-registration is required** Please call Jenny at 862-219-2028 with any questions and to register.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? – Saint Cecilia's is the best parish in the Diocese of Paterson! I know that I am prejudiced but I truly believe this and I hope you do too! We welcome all people to our parish and are delighted each time new members join our faith community. My question is to all, ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER? If you are not sure, please give the parish office a call (973.627.0313) and speak with Janet or Diane to check and to update any information regarding yourself, such as phone number and e mail address, etc. This information is most helpful for me in providing pastoral care to you and your family. Your parish registration is also necessary when you may be asked to submit a "certificate of eligibility" to serve as a godparent/sponsor. If I do not have your registration information then this can become a difficulty. The Registration form may be found on line by going to the parish website or by receiving a copy from the parish office. Your completed registration form may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the collection basket on Sunday. Register and be counted among those who love and support Saint Cecilia's! – FATHER ZIG

SAVE THE DATE

Craft & Vendor Fair—St. Cecilia Church Hall
90 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866

Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

9:00 am—2:00 pm

For further information, email:
saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com



My dear parishioners,

In our participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear in the Sacred Scriptures of the prophetic role embraced by the Lord Jesus, Moses and the Christian community. We know that the vocation of the prophet is to serve as the one who delivers the word of God and accompanies it with works of justice and mercy. This vocation is one which we, the baptized in Christ, all share in and are called to exercise in our daily lives. Like the prophets of old, we may sometimes find ourselves standing alone among others because of our witness to the truth. This may not be a very desirable position but we know that to stand with and for the Lord is a place of honor among the saints.

In the Old Testament reading we hear how the Lord will raise up successors to Moses who will minister in God's Name among the Israelites. Failure to minister in truth will bring death to the prophet. In the Gospel periscope the Lord Jesus is the "sinless prophet" who is truth and the giver of life. In the Capernaum synagogue He confronts evil and mercifully restores the possessed one to wholeness, free from the forces of destruction.

In his first correspondence to the first century Christians living in the Greek city of Corinth the Apostle Paul highlights a very natural distinction between single and married people. Unmarried persons see after themselves whereas those who are married need to be concerned about their spouse (and children). Mindful that both have different stations in life does not exclude "adherence to the Lord without distraction." By virtue of Baptism all are called to prophetic witness so that the world may be saved.

We begin **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** today which is a nation-wide celebration of the gift of Catholic education. How blessed we are in Rockaway to have our own parochial school DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY to form our children in faith from pre-school 3 to 8th Grade. Today you will hear about the importance of Catholic education in our community and be invited to support us in this mission. I am committed to Catholic education, recalling my parents support in my childhood and that of my two brothers. Although experiencing challenges, my parents knew the importance of forming their sons in faith along with academics. This is a task only possible in Catholic parochial schools.

Please be generous in your donation to support our school by placing your donation in the second basket located near the baptismal font. You can also bring your offering to church next Sunday and for this I am so very grateful! JOIN WITH ME IN SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

ST. JOHN BOSCO, Priest
January 31—Patron of Editors

ST. JOHN BOSCO was born on a poor farm near Turin, Italy, in 1815. At an age when the modern child would be enjoying the pastime of a kindergarten education, he was out on the hillside tending sheep. At about his ninth year, when he expressed the desire to become a priest, it was found possible to let him commence his education by walking more than four miles daily for half a year. The other held, in Spring, and Summer was spent in the fields. The day before he entered the seminary, his mother, laying her hands on his shoulders as he stood robed in his clerical dress, said: "To see you dressed in this manner fills my heart with joy. But remember that it is not the dress that gives honor to the state, but the practice of virtue. If at any time you come to doubt your vocation, I beseech you, lay it aside at once. I would rather have a poor peasant for my son than a negligent priest. When you came into the world I consecrated you to Our Lady; when you began to study I bade you honor her and have recourse to her in all your difficulties; now I beg you to take her for your Queen."

Today the motto on the Salesian coat of arms: Da Mihi animas cetera tolle tibi — "Give me only souls and keep all the rest" - bears witness to the fidelity of Don Bosco to the words of a truly Christian mother.

This admirable "Apostle of Youth" is almost our contemporary. He founded the Salesian Society of St. Francis de Sales and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. His life's work was consecrated to the care of young boys and girls. He died in 1888, and was canonized in 1934 by Pope Pius XL.

PRAYER God of mercy, You called St. John Bosco to be a father and teacher of the young. Grant that inspired by his ardent charity we may serve You alone and never tire of bringing others to Your Kingdom. Amen.

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