

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

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, March 25, Monday of Holy Week

6:30 am—Patricia Zayac req. by Karen Kufall

8:00 am—Linda Donatoni req. by Pat Degnan

Tuesday, March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30 am—Special Intention

8:00 am—Carol Ferrante req. by husband, John

Wednesday, March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 am—Special Intention: Pat Degnan req. by Karen Kufall

8:00 am—Linda Struble req. by Ag Struble & Family

Thursday, March 28, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

7:00 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration (ends at 10:00)

Friday, March 29, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

12:00 pm—Stations of the Cross (Church)

3:00 pm—Stations of the Cross (Cemetery)

5:00 pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8:00 pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

1:00 pm—Blessing of the food and after the Easter Vigil

8:00 pm—Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am—For the parishioners of our church

9:15 am—For the parishioners of our church

10:45 am—For the parishioners of our church

12:15 pm—For the parishioners of our church

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALSWeek Ending : March 17, 2024

Collection—Checks & Cash \$ 8,934.00

WeShare Electronic Giving \$ 4,453.17

Total Weekly Collection \$ 13,387.17

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET) \$ 785,000.00

Weekly Goal \$ 14,038.46

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit) \$ (651.29)**Year To Date Surplus (Deficit) \$ (4,872.55)***We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.* ©JPPC

Our Condolences to the Family of:

Victoria Santana

Eternal Rest Grant to her Lord



Palm Distribution - PALM SUNDAY ©JPPC

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Gorcica, Sam Sessa, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Elvira Bugaoan, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Jim Rattay, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Cheryl Anne Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, 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, 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, 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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YOU ARE INVITED – His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney is inviting you to be with him and the priests of the Diocese of Paterson for the annual Chrism Mass which will take place on TUESDAY, March 26th. The liturgy will take place in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist located on Grand and Main Streets in Paterson. The liturgy begins at 7 p.m. secure indoor parking is provided at the Passaic County Court Parking Lot located adjacent to the cathedral on Grand Street. This is the Mass at which the Bishop blesses the holy oils which will be used to administer the sacraments in parishes throughout the year. At this Mass the priests also renew their ordination vows. Join Father Zig and Father Matt in attending this beautiful Holy Week celebration.

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

PRAYER APP FOR \$1 – Our parish has purchased 500 partial subscriptions to the # 1 Catholic prayer app, HAL-LOW! 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.

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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:**



Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence:

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7th and will be observed with a special service which will be conducted in our church beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon. We are happy that Derek Nelson and Family will once again lead us in this service in which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the sacrament of penance available to those who would like to receive it. The service will conclude at 3 o'clock, the Hour of Mercy!

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – Part 1 of the course entitled, "Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism," has been completed and Part 2 will begin on Monday, April 8th. Should you like information regarding this series please contact Chuck Malaniak at cemalaniak@gmail.com.

The Compassionate Friends-Parsippany Chapter: A Self-Help group for bereaved PARENTS, SIBLINGS, and GRAND-PARENTS, **ALL** meetings are held every **2nd Thursday** of each month, our next in-person scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:30pm; **NEW LOCATION:** 427 Franklin Road, Denville, NJ, Union Hill Presbyterian Church/School- Recreation Room (Back Entrance).

Program for April 11, 2024:

"Dealing with Anger, Guilt, and Fear"

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – I ask that you be generous in your offering on Good Friday. Each year this collection is sent to support the Christians living in the Holy Land along with helping to maintain the shrines located there. This year's collection will be especially important to assist the parishioners of Holy Family Church which is the only Catholic church in Gaza. Your generosity is a wonderful sign of love for the land in which our Blessed Savior called home. Please make your check payable to Saint Cecilia Church, in memo please write Holy Land or Good Friday. God bless you! – Father Zig

Monday, March 25

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27**Thursday, March 28**

DMA & Parish Office closed

Friday, March 29

DMA & Parish Office closed

Saturday, March 30**Sunday, March 31**

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH – Planned giving is the practice of designating a gift to a charitable organization during one's lifetime or as a part of an estate plan. The gift could include cash, wills, bequests, stocks, retirement assets, real estate, life insurance, annuities equity or personal property. This act of philanthropy serves as a meaningful way to honor your Catholic faith and create a memorial. Donors can minimize capital gains tax when transferring assets as part of a planned gift, further maximizing the contribution to charity. As you think about such matters I hope you will remember our parish, your spiritual home. – Father Zig

OLD PALMS – Last year's blessed palms may be deposited in the basket located in the church vestibule for proper disposal. Blessed palms and all sacramentals should be disposed of according to church regulations.

ROSARY CARDS – You are invited to participate in a nation-wide 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.

Divine Mercy Academy News

Help Wanted

Divine Mercy Academy, a PK3-8th grade elementary school located in Rockaway is in need of part-time Aftercare Aides. Applicants are required to be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent and are required to complete the diocesan background check and Protecting God's Children training program. Ideal candidates should have some experience working with children and/or an early childhood or elementary education background. Candidates will assist with afternoon snack, homework, indoor and outdoor play experiences and tend to the needs of our young students. The Aftercare program runs from Monday – Friday, 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm during school days. If interested, please email the principal: jpatel@dmrockaway.org

Registration for Religious Education classes for 2024-2025 will be opening soon. Be sure to check the web site for more details under the Faith Formation tab.

st-cecilia.org

RICE BOWLS DUE – Our Lenten alms project, OPERATION RICE BOWL, comes to a conclusion this week with the celebration of Easter. Please deposit your rice bowl in the receptacle located at the altar of Saint Joseph. Your check can be made payable to Saint Cecilia Church and in the memo: rice bowl or alms. The rice bowl is a project of Catholic Relief Services which assists the poor throughout the world and your generosity makes this possible. Thank you and may God bless you!

THANK YOU – Many thanks to Sue Brennan, Debbie Fremeth and Nicole and Jeff Seligmueller for assisting Father Matt and I in veiling the holy images in the church for Passiontide. – Father Zig

PHOTOS – Our Parish 150th Anniversary Committee is searching for photos from past events which took place at Saint Cecilia's. If you would like to have your photos included or displayed on our parish website, please drop them off or send them to the parish office (90 Church St. Rockaway, 08866) or our parish website (st-cecilia.org). Please include name, event, date and year (if known), phone number and email. All photos will be carefully handled and returned. For additional information please call Rosalie Marmara at 973.625.3836.

Monday, March 25

Mass at 6:30 am & 8:00 am
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confessions)

Tuesday, March 26

Mass at 6:30 am & 8:00 am

Chrism Mass at 7:00 pm at St. John's the Baptist Cathedral,
Paterson

The Blessing of oils and the renewal of Priestly ordination
vows takes place.

Wednesday, March 27

Mass at 6:30 am & 8:00 am

The Easter Triduum**Holy Thursday, March 28**

Morning Prayer – 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
(followed by adoration until 10:00 pm)

Good Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer – 9:00 am

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm in Church

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm at St. Cecilia's Cemetery

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 8:00 pm

(Vietnamese Community)

Holy Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer – 9:00 am

Blessing of Easter Food – 1:00 pm and after the Easter Vigil

Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 pm

Easter, March 31

Easter Sunday – Regular Sunday Schedule:
8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm & 5:00 pm
(Vietnamese)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Divine Mercy Devotion 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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 Janet at the parish office, 973-627-0313

EMMAUS EASTER EGG HUNT – Join us for this parish gathering that will include a presentation of the Easter story of the "Road to Emmaus" (Luke 24:13-35); a deluxe Easter egg hunt for the kids on the parish grounds, with lunch to follow. A variety of treats will be available along with Easter goodies and much more. It all happens on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd**; from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP on the parish web site. It will be a great time for food, fun and faith!!

CABRINI – The AMC Theater in Rockaway is currently showing the movie CABRINI which is on the life of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini whose feast day is November 13. This Italian religious sister came to the United States to minister to the immigrants who were arriving at the turn of the 20th century and were the victims of discrimination. She established numerous hospitals, schools and orphanages not only in the US but throughout the Americas. She was a woman of great faith and strength.

EASTER FLOWERS – All parishioners are asked to make a donation for the purchase of flowers which will adorn our church for the Solemnity of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection. A special envelope was included with the offering envelope mailing or "on line giving." Your donation may also be placed in a regular envelope marked "Easter flowers" or simply by putting this designation in the memo portion of your check. May God bless your generosity!

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP—Save the date for Summer Bible Camp for children ages 4 to 12. Bible Camp will be held on June 26th, 27th, and 28th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and June 29th from 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Registration will be forthcoming in the bulletin and on our web-site.

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY—An ecumenical service will be held on Good Friday at the United Methodist Church of the Rockaways located on Hoagland Avenue beginning at 12 noon. Father Matt will participate in this service to which all are invited to attend.

SISTERS OF CHARITY GOLF OUTING—April 29th at the Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club, Livingston, NJ. For more information visit their website at SCNJ.org or text SCNJGOLF2024 to 41444.

A Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to see You
When You have fallen,
Your cross too heavy to bear;
On the roadside, in a stairwell,
On a park bench,
Forsaken, forgotten, alone.
Let me help to bear Your cross, O Lord;
Your hunger, Your sadness, Your pain.
Let me walk beside You,
Let me share with You
My time, my possessions,
And myself.
I gladly reach out to bear the cross,
To lighten the burdens
Of Your suffering children.
I offer this in Your name,
For your cross bore You alone, my Lord,
Who suffered for my sake.
Amen



My dear parishioners,

Today we enter into the most sacred week of the Christian calendar, HOLY WEEK. It all begins today as we observe Palm Sunday marking the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. The cheers of the people emanate from the Lord's raising of Lazarus from the dead which had previously occurred in Bethany. However the HOSANNA which is sung to the Lord as He enters the holy city will quickly turn to shouts of CRUCIFY HIM in just a few days. This is reflected in the liturgy for Palm Sunday which begins on a jubilant tone but quickly shifts into one which is somber and dark.

Yes, this is a very serious week for us as we remember each day the sufferings which the Lord Jesus endured for our salvation. When we consider the passion He experienced, how could we not want to spend time this week in private prayer and public worship in church? Our brothers and sisters of other faiths will fill their houses of worship. Jews will fill synagogues for the high holy days. Moslems will fill mosques for Ramadan – BUT WHAT ABOUT US? In today's Passion account from the Evangelist Mark we hear of the agony in the garden. Our Lord asks the Apostles to stay awake with Him, to be with Him. However, they fall asleep and He says: ***"Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test."*** So the question becomes, what about you? Can you keep watch with Jesus this week by coming to church for the liturgies which will take place to remember His suffering and death? Others fill their houses of worship and we should do the same because this is an indication of our faith in Him who died so that we might have life.

I pray that parents will accompany their children to church this week and use this time for family instruction in the faith. Fasting and abstaining at home this week, gathering for family prayer, keeping traditions which your family has observed for generations should be a gift that is continued to be passed on to our children. I beg you, please make this week holy!

Father Matt and I look forward to praying with you this week especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The liturgies for these days are very unique and ancient in fidelity to the Church since its earliest days. Jesus still calls out to His disciples: **COULD YOU NOT KEEP WATCH FOR ONE HOUR?** This week, turn off the TV, get up from the computer and come to the Lord's House so that we might be together as a family of faith.

I assure you of my pastoral love and ardent desire to be with you in church during this week!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA
March 29—Patron of Funeral Directors

St. Joseph of Arimathea was a just and devout man who was looking for the Kingdom of God. Although during Our Lord's public life he was afraid to show himself openly as His disciple, after the crucifixion he had the courage to seek out Pilate and ask for the body of Jesus. Aided by Nicodemus, he took the body of the Savior from the Cross, bound it up in wrappings of cloth with perfumed oil, and laid it in his own new tomb which had been hewn from a formation of rock (Jn 19:38-42)

PRAYER: God, You alone are holy and without You no one is good. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, grant that we may so live as not to be deprived of Your glory. Amen



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