

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, April 22, Easter Weekday

6:30 am—Michael & Catherine Kobylar req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am—Margaret Maquire req. by Carol & Frank Desmond

Tuesday, April 23, Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adelbert, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 am—Special Intention: Kling Family req. by Clancy Family

8:00 am—Alice & Walter Lech req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

Wednesday, April 24, Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

6:30 am—Sister Jeanette Szyszputowski, SCC

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

Thursday, April 25, Saint Mark, Evangelist

6:30 am—Special Intention

8:00 am—Jeanne & Bill Gallagher req. by their daughter, Jan

Friday, April 26, Easter Weekday

6:30 am—MaryAnn Schilling req. by her sister, Sophie Boylan

8:00 am—Roberta Herold Albarran req. by Colleen

Karakonstantis

Saturday, April 27, Easter Weekday

8:00 am—George & Rose Ann Cunningham req. by

Ed & Mary Merz

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30 pm—Linda Donatoni req. by Ag Struble

Kathleen Sheridan req. by Susan Brennan

7:00 pm—Pat Zayac req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

Jeanne & Bill Gallagher req. by their daughter, Jan

8:00 am—Patricia Zayac req. by Mary & Ed Merz

9:15 am—Jane Laner req. by Graner Family

Mary Wulf req. by St. Cecilia Seniors

10:45 am—Daniel Wright req. by O'Donnell Family

Claire Mildred Dowling req. by Marsha Green

12:15 pm—Alan Chutsky req. by Nick & Jeanine Losito

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : April 14, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 9,367.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 6,360.88
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 15,727.88

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET) \$ 785,000.00

Weekly Goal \$ 14,038.46

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit) \$ 1,689.41**Year To Date Surplus (Deficit) \$ (203.71)**

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



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

Rita & Angelo Bruno

Requested by Barbara & Ed Higdon

**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, 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, Anthony D'Alessio.



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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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

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.

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.

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

MAY ROSARY DEVOTION—The Rosary Society invited you to join with them in opening the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, with the praying of the Holy Rosary on Wednesday evening May 1st at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. ALSO, to conclude the month of May the Holy Rosary will be prayed in Saint Cecilia Church on Friday, May 31st at 7:00 pm.

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



PARISH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE – In conjunction with our parish's 150th anniversary celebration next year I will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy. We leave from Newark International Airport on Monday, April 21 (2025) for our 11 day visit to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Bari (Shrine of St. Nicholas) and many more stops. This 11 day pilgrimage coincides with the Holy Year Jubilee in which we will also visit and celebrate Mass in the Basilica of Saint Cecilia. The cost per person is \$5,384. Please visit the 206 TOURS website and enter tour #sp042125 for the itinerary, registration and other information. I hope you will join me on this faith-filled tour! We return on Thursday, May 1st thanking God for this wonderful experience. – Father Zig

A PLACE FOR THE DISABLED – I am currently investigating the accommodation which can be offered to the handicapped in church. Currently it is very difficult for those using walkers or wheelchairs to find a place in our liturgical assembly. I am working with a pew company to conform our present furniture into handicapped accessible seating. I will be sharing information with you in the coming weeks regarding this project. – Father Zig

HEALING MASS – The Christian Care Committee will sponsor our annual Healing Mass for the Sick and their Care-Givers on Saturday, May 11th at 11 o'clock in the morning. During the Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered. Following the liturgy a light reception will take place in Hayes Hall to which all are invited.

Second Collection: Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

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Monday, April 22

7:00 pm—Hour Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, April 23

9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Confirmation Class (DMA)

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

Wednesday, April 24**Thursday, April 25****Friday, April 26**

5:30 pm—Altar Servers Training (Church)

Saturday, April 27

10:00 am—First Holy Communion, DMA (Church)

Sunday, April 28

10:30 am—CCD Class (DMA)

10:45 am—RCIA (Church & Parish Office)

Our Condolences to the Family of:
Mary Simard
 Eternal Rest Grant to her Lord

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

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

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

DMA PRINCIPAL – I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mrs. Jaime Patel who had served as our school principal this past year. Under her leadership many positive changes have occurred at Divine Mercy Academy for which I am most grateful. Our new principal will be announced in June. – Father Zig

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

New student registration ongoing for 2024-2025

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



973-627-6003
jpatel@dmrockaway.org
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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

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP—Save the date for Summer Bible Camp for children ages 4 to 12. Bible Camp will be held on June 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Registration will be forthcoming in the bulletin and on our web-site.

RUN TO THE FATHER—Prayer Service/Holy Hour for our children and grandchildren who fallen away from the faith on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Rockaway.

Please Help Support Catholic Charities**We need gently used:**

- Clothing • Bedding • Shoes • Small household items Have a clothing donation too big to fit in the box?
- Just call our Toll Free number to arrange for a free pickup at your home. 1-877-343-3651
- Throughout the year, Catholic Charities distributes much needed food through local food pantries and provides many other types of services and assistance including day care for children, day care for elderly persons, counseling, computer training, ESL utility bill assistance, flood assistance, drug/alcohol detox, drug/alcohol treatment, day and residential programs for adults with developmental disabilities and more. Money raised from these donations helps support these and other Catholic Charities programs.

**DROP BOX IS LOCATED IN PARISH PARKING
LOT BEHIND THE RECTORY**

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.

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

SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
St. Cecilia Church Parking Lot
90 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866
Sponsored by Men's Society
\$ Donations Accepted \$

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

**REOPENING OF ST. THERESE MINISTRY
TUESDAY, MAY 7TH AT 1:00 P.M.**

The reopening of the St. Therese Ministry begins on Tuesday, May 7th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Mountain Lakes. The address is 10 North Pocono Road. We will meet each and every Tuesday until the end of the year. We will once again be praying the Novena to St. Therese, a prayer for our nation, the Memorare and finish with the Rosary. America needs our prayers. Father Edward Rama, who is from the Diocese of Paterson, will be speaking. Come join us for fellowship and meet some wonderful people. We have many events planned for the ministry. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 29th at 1:45 p.m. when Bishop Kevin Sweeney will celebrate two feast days – St. Therese the Little Flower and St. Michael the Archangel. It will not be a mass – a presentation and celebration by the Bishop. It will be a spectacular event at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Mountain Lakes!! Any questions, please call Carol Bsarany 973-271-9252.

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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 (862-251-3914) AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER CLEARLY AND A PRIEST WILL RESPOND. Please note that the hospital does not call the parish office to notify the priest if a parishioner is admitted. This becomes the families responsibility.



My dear parishioners,

We gather on the Lord's Day to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday is commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday due to the Reading from the 10th chapter from the Gospel of the Evangelist John in which Our Lord speaks of Himself as the Good Shepherd. In all three cycles of the Sunday lectionary we hear portions from the Good Shepherd discourse, thus the designation "Good Shepherd Sunday." As a result of this Gospel reading the Catholic Church designates this day as "the World Day of Prayer for Vocations."

With the pastoral dimension of this Gospel it is easy to see how our thoughts are raised to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Vocations to these ministries are vital for the life of the Church and must be a concern for all the faithful. We need priests, religious sisters and brothers to carry on the work of Christ locally and universally. Encouraging vocations to these ministries must be the task of each and every one of us.

Bishop Kevin Sweeney has begun a very aggressive vocations "push" in our diocese to raise up vocations from within the Diocese of Paterson. To that end the Bishop recently conducted a workshop for priests and today (Saturday) conducted a similar workshop for lay representatives from every parish. We had 8 parishioners in attendance to hear a presentation by Rhonda Gruenewald from the Archdiocese of Houston give a very compelling presentation regarding the state of vocations throughout the United States as well as the very positive results which are coming forth where both clergy and laity have "teamed up" to bring vocations to the forefront. I was very encouraged by her presentation and I am waiting to hear back from our parish representatives as to their impressions.

Of course vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life are extremely important but so is the vocation to a holy marriage. That is why Rhonda's presentation also focused on the need to speak about holy marriages at a time when Catholic marriages are on the decline as a result of cohabitation among young people and the dismissal of a church wedding in preference to being married at the venue (which by the way results in an invalid marriage according to the Catholic Church).

Speaking of vocations; holy vocations to priesthood, diaconate, religious life and marriage emerge from families of faith. Families which practice the faith and support a spiritual life are the incubators from which vocations are born. The famous Father Patrick Payton's slogan, THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER, also gives credence to the power of prayer within the family and prayer produces holy vocations.

I plan to speak more on this subject and ask for your daily prayers to raise up more priests, sisters and holy marriages among us!

CHRIST IS RISEN-TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Father Zig

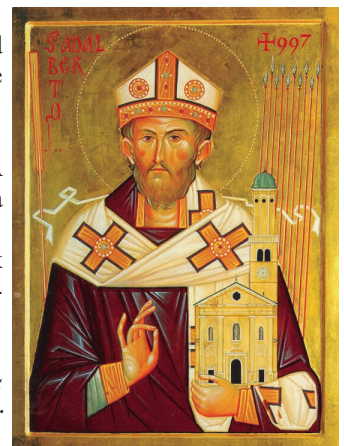
ST. ADALBERT, Bishop and Martyr
The Same Day—April 23

ADALBERT (whose Czech name is Vojtech) was born in Bohemia around the year 956 and completed his studies in Magdeburg. Returning home, he became a priest and eventually the second Bishop of Prague in 983.

After expanding his diocese to include Moravia, he labored to eradicate pagan customs in it. A feud between rival political factions hindered his work, so he went to Rome and became a Benedictine at the Abbey of Sts. Alexis and Boniface.

Returning to Prague at the people's request, Adalbert found the same situation and went back to Rome. Heeding the call of the Polish Duke Boleslaw the Great, the Saint undertook to evangelize the Prussians. He met with fierce resistance and was martyred on April 23, 997.

PRAYER God, You bestowed the crown of martyrdom on St. Adalbert, You Bishop, who was animated by zeal for souls. By his intercession, grant that pastors may not be without their flocks' obedience nor flocks without their pastors' care. Amen.



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