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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

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 (Sept. to June)

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 (Sept. to June)

ST. MONICA NOVENA: Last Saturday after 8:00 am Mass.

Parish Summer Office Hours:

Starting after Memorial Day until Labor Day
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30—4:00
(Lunch 12:00—1:00)
Friday: Closed

Monday, May 27, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9:00 am – In Memory of our service men and women (Cemetery)

Tuesday, May 28, Weekday

6:30 am – To Phuong Tan req. by Agnes Maye

8:00 am – Virginia Celentano req. by Carol & Gary McGotty

Wednesday, May 29, Saint Paul VI, Pope

6:30 am – Joao Neto Branco req. by Agnes Maye

8:00 am – Linda Donatoni req. by Zayac/Waskas Family

Thursday, May 30, Weekday

6:30 am – Peter Kucinski req. by Agnes Maye

8:00 am – Kathleen Sheridan req. by Ag Struble

Friday, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am – For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Agnes Maye

8:00 am – Jill Breslin req. by Peggy McKinney

Saturday, June 1, Saint Justin, Martyr

8:00 am – Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Sunday, June 2, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4:30 pm – Angela Goritski req. by Mary & Mike Lowery

Jillian Breslin req. by Ag Struble

7:00 pm – Joseph J. Sirvent req. by Bozza Family

Carmen DiSimoni req. by Kay & Jack Phillips

8:00 am – Patricia Zayac req. by Claire & Phil Wasacz

9:15 am – Violeta Urena req. by Graner Family

Mary Ellen Lusardi req. by Joseph & Jo Ann Lusardi

10:45 am – Margaret Starkes req. by Tom & Erin Marmara

Mario Zambrano req. by Family

12:15 pm – Barbara Layden req. by O'Donnell Family

Bill Whelan req. by Family



*The Most
Holy Trinity*

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : May 19, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 8,653.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 5,487.50
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 14,140.50

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 102.04
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,541.23

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*Remember
what others
have sacrificed
for your freedoms.*

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MEMORIAL DAY MASS – Holy Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th will be celebrated at the parish cemetery at 9 o'clock in the morning. This is the only Mass scheduled for this day. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather the Mass will take place in the church.

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, Jenn Suto.



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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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.

PICNIC AND PROCESSION—Sunday, June 2nd is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and our annual parish picnic held in conjunction with Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. The festivities begin with the 12:15 pm Mass followed by the serving of "picnic food" in Hayes Hall beginning at 1:15 pm. At 2:30 pm we will gather in the church to begin our procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. We will walk on the sidewalks in our Eucharistic procession which will include our clergy and religious; this year's First Holy Communion children; children and adults of both Saint Cecilia and Sacred Heart of Jesus parishes. This event, which will conclude at Sacred Heart Church, will be a public demonstration of our Catholic faith in the Lord Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We will do in Rockaway that which is being done in cities throughout our nation during this year of the Eucharistic Revival namely, bringing our Eucharistic Lord into the streets for His blessing upon our community. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FAITH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd!**

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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:**



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

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

PADRE PIO PRAYER MEETING – The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, June 5th at 10 o'clock in the morning in the votive chapel located off the church vestibule. All are welcome to join us for prayer and reflection in the spirituality of Padre Pio. This will be the final meeting until the fall. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 4th.



MAY DEVOTIONS – The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed during the month of May following the 8 o'clock morning Mass, Monday through Friday. The month of May is dedicated to the Mother of God and Ever Virgin Mary.

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.

Monday, May 27*Memorial Day**DMA & Parish Office Closed***Tuesday, May 28***7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (HH)***Wednesday, May 29***5:00 pm—Christian Care Committee Potluck Dinner (PO)***Thursday, May 30****Friday, May 31***7:00 pm - Holy Rosary Prayed (Church)***Saturday, June 1***8:30 am—Rosary Society Meeting (Hayes Hall)***Sunday, June 2***12:15 pm—Mass/Parish Picnic/Procession (Church, Hayes Hall & Sacred Heart Church)**8:00 pm—LTP (Hayes Hall)***Parish Summer Office Hours:***Starting after Memorial Day until Labor Day*

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30—4:00

(Lunch 12:00—1:00)

Friday: Closed

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – Our prayers and best wishes go to Father Matt whose 6th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood is today, May 26th. May God grant him many happy and healthy years in His service. AD MULTOS ANNOS!!

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS – The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will pray the Litany to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Monday through Friday immediately following the 8 o'clock Mass.

BAKE SALE – The Saint Monica Guild will conduct a BAKE SALE on Father's Day, June 15-16 following all the Masses. A variety of baked goods will be on sale for the Father's Day holiday. Why not give DAD something sweet for "his day"?

Divine Mercy Academy News

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year at Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is now open!

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 & 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. We are located at 87 Halsey Avenue in Rockaway. Visit our website at www.dmarockaway.org or call 973-627-6003 for more information.



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

St. Cecilia's Summer Bible Camp 2024!!

Tuesday, June 25th – Friday, June 28th

4:00 – 6:00 pm

We are excited to bring back our parish summer bible camp. This experience is for children ages 4-10, and will include games, food, music, lessons, prayer, and lots of special surprises for the kids.

Registration must be done online by visiting the parish website. \$ 50 for 1 child, \$75 for 2 or more children. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

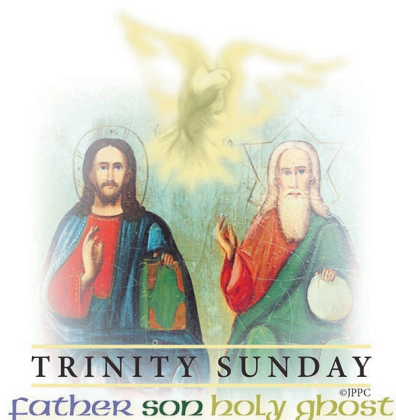


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ARE YOU REGISTERED? – Saint Cecilia’s is the best parish in the Diocese of Paterson! I know that I am prejudiced but I truly believe this and I hope you do too! We welcome all people to our parish and are delighted each time new members join our faith 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

DOOR COLLECTION – Member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 514, will conduct a door collection after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26 to benefit Veteran programs. Your donation is in appreciation for their military service.

SUMMER IS APPROACHING – With the summer comes the “winding down” of many of activities within our parish. The Monday evening and Tuesday morning Bible studies have concluded in addition to our religious education program. Our final Holy Hour for the season will be on Monday, June 24th. Regular meetings of the parish societies will be on pause during the months of July and August. Summer will be a time for a brief rest as we look forward to September and the return of our regular activities.



CANCELLED

The “Daniel” trip to the Sight and Sound Theater has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN FOOD DRIVE – The annual diocesan Corpus Christi Food Drive is currently underway to replenish the various food banks run by Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson. Once again our parish has been asked to donate the following items: pancake mix, pancake syrup and shampoo. These items may be placed on the designated tables in Hayes Hall prior to Sunday, June 2nd. ALSO, the diocese is appealing for monetary donations to benefit this cause. You may go to the diocesan website (www.patersondiocese.org); our parish website (st-cecilia.org); OR by placing your check payable to “St. Cecilia Church” and in the memo: “food drive” in the offering basket on Sunday.

A SPACE FOR THE HANDICAPPED – Through my pastoral observations and experiences I have concluded that a suitable space is needed in our church for our handicapped parishioners. Accommodation must be made to allow those who use walkers, wheelchairs and other aids to attend Divine Services safely and comfortably. At the recent meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the hierarchs reaffirmed their concern that the disabled to be part of the worshipping community and that every effort should be made to accommodate them. I have met with the company which services our pews and have agreed with their proposal that the first pew on the right side (Altar of Saint Joseph) be altered. The entire first seat will be removed so as to provide sufficient access for walkers and wheelchairs. Signage will indicate that this pew is reserved for the handicapped only! This work will begin in the next few weeks. – Father Zig

OFFERING BASKET – It has been recommended to me that a second offering basket be positioned near the altar of Saint Joseph for the sake of those who enter the church through the side entrance for the deposit of the Sunday offering. A basket will be placed near the side entrance for the convenience of those who enter the church there. ***I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU OF THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR WEEKLY AND GENEROUS OFFERING TO THE LORD.*** Your sacrificial gift each week helps us to meet our expenses and maintains Saint Cecilia’s fiscal integrity. God bless you my good people! – Father Zig



My dear parishioners,

On this first Sunday after the closure of the Easter Season we commemorate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The liturgy invites us to contemplate upon the mystery of God who is **ONE** but has revealed Himself in **THREE DIVINE PERSONS**, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This mystery is too enormous and indicates the greatness of God who has created and sustains all things in heaven and on earth.

There is one thing about God that we do know and that is that **HE LOVES US!** God loves us so much that He wants us to be united with Him as we journey through life and then finally in eternal life to be with Him forever. Today's first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy reminds us of the Prophet Moses' words to the people of Israel and the love which God proves in His all-abiding care for them. The Lord invites His people into intimacy with Him as we find the Apostle Paul writing to the Roman Church of the First Century. Our closeness to God is felt in our calling out to God as "*Abba, Father!*" He is not distant nor to be feared but rather the One to whom can we draw close. In the Gospel pericope we are told of the Lord Jesus instructing His Apostles to baptize all people in the Name of the Holy Trinity so that all nations may be drawn into unity with God. Reflecting on this we are able to sing out today's Responsorial Psalm: **BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN TO BE HIS OWN!**

COMMUNITY is the image which we associate with God who is **ONE** yet **THREE DIVINE PERSONS**. Oneness with God is but a foretaste in the Holy Communion we receive at Holy Mass when we become one with Christ in the reception of His Body and Blood. We are also in union with all those who receive Holy Communion; it is Christ who unites us as one body. Yes, it is community which the Lord proposes to us for it is the sign of love which binds us as one. God wills that we be together as opposed to Satan who seeks to divide and destroy.

Coming together as a community is indeed a reflection of the very life of God. There must be holiness in the community of the family, society and the Church as is intended by God. Love guarantees the unity and the holiness of community living calling us to selfless service in imitation of God. Love is the "glue" which keeps community together!

GLORY TO THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Father Zig

JOAN OF ARC, Virgin
MAY 30, Patroness of France

On January 6, 1412, Joan of Arc was born to pious parents of the French peasant class, at the obscure village of Domremy, near the province of Lorraine. At a very early age she heard voices: those of St. Michael, St. Catherine and St. Margaret.

At first the message were personal and general. Then at last came the crowning order. In May 1428, her voices told Joan to go to the King of France and help him reconquer his kingdom. For at that time the English King was after the throne of France, and the Duke of Burgundy (the chief rival of the French King) was siding with him and gobbling up ever more French territory.

After overcoming opposition from churchmen and courtiers, the seventeen-year-old girl was given a small army with which she raised the siege of Orleans on May 8, 1429. She then enjoyed a series of spectacular military successes, during which the King was able to enter Rheims and be crowned with her at his side.

In May 1430, as she was attempting to relive Compiegne, she was captured by the Burgundians and sold to the English when Charles and the French did nothing to save her. After months of imprisonment, she was tried at Rouen by a tribunal presided over by the infamous Peter Cauchon, Bishop of Beauvais, who hoped that the English would help him to become Archbishop.

Through her unfamiliarity with the technicalities of theology, Joan was trapped into making a few damaging statements. When she refused to retract the assertion that it was the Saint of God who had commanded her to do what she had done, she was condemned to death as a heretic, sorceress, and adulteress, and burned at the stake on May 30, 1431. She was nineteen years old. Some thirty years later she was exonerated of all guilt and she was ultimately canonized in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV, making official was the people had known for centuries.

PRAYER: Lord, You wondrously raised up a St. Joan, Your Virgin, to defend the Faith and her country. Through her intercessions grant that the Church may overcome the snares of her enemies and enjoy unbroken peace. Amen

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