

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

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, July 8, Weekday

6:30 am – Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am - Kathleen Sheridan req. by Carol & Gary McGotty

Tuesday, July 9, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 am – Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am – Kathleen Sheridan req. by Barbara & Ed Higdon

Wednesday, July 10, Weekday

6:30 am – Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am – Jillian Breslin req. by Barbara & Ed Higdon

Thursday, July 11, Saint Benedict, Abbot

6:30 am – Special Intention

8:00 am – Patricia Zayac req. by Roberta Vitcuskay

Friday, July 12, Weekday

6:30 am – In Thanksgiving for the Berdin/Baricuatro Families

8:00 am – Intention of Sarah & Patrick Sullivan's Wedding Anv.
req. by Dianna & John Sullivan**Saturday, July 13, Weekday**

8:00 am – John McCarthy req. by his daughter, Noreen

Sunday, July 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 am – Fred & Mary Yamroz req. by Darlene Klus

Patricia Zayac req. by Eileen Simmons

7:00 pm – Eleanor & Thomas Sullivan req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

8:00 am – Zenobia Hudson req. by her daughter, Sophie Boylan
Jack & Phylis Puccia req. by Maleck Family9:15 am – Clarence Graner req. by Graner Family
Thelma Aranha & Marie Farias req. by Farias Family10:45 am- Mario Zambrano req. by Family
Florence & Emmanuel Njeze req. by Umeukeje Family12:15 pm – Louis J. Gross req. by Bozza Family
Florence Guarducci req. by Bellardini Family**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, Colin Brown.

St. Cecilia Church Collection Goals**Week Ending: June 30, 2024**

**Due to the early publication of the bulletin,
the collections totals for the week will be
shown next week.**

Thank you!

A special thank you to all those who helped make our Bible Camp a big success. We had almost 60 kids, more than a dozen middle school and high school helpers, and lots of adult volunteers. Praise God!

In a particular way we want to thank Fr. Matt, Denise Montalto-Rook, Lesley Graner, Anne Tironi, Dorothy Durell, Jamie Palmiere, Armi Clancy, Gail Egan, and Robin Jenkins for all of their hard work. This camp could not run without you!



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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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.

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!

SECOND COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

MASS CARDS

We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the Parish Office 973-627-0313
~Offering \$15.00~

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:**



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

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY – We welcome Catholics who are interested in recovery from addiction and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. "Catholic In Recovery" is a non-profit organization that seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments including: alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family, and general fear, control and anxiety. It is the aim of "Catholic in Recovery" to share the Good News that God can bring about healing and recovery, even in the most hopeless cases. Questions? Email CIR@ollsparta.org. Meetings: Our Lady of the Lake, 294 Sparta Ave. Saturdays: 7:30 am to 8:30 am AND Thursdays 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. ALSO meeting at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 209 Route 206 South, Branchville, Mondays 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

BE PREPARED – The air conditioning system in the church is on its last leg! The system is functioning with only one unit with the other two units unrepairable. Estimates is that a new AC system for the church will run about \$65,000, money which we do not have. (There is some good news however; I am awaiting word from an organization which gives grants to non profits to update their aging systems for a more efficient one. A grant would significantly reduce the cost which we would have to contribute.) With this being said, should the temperature become very uncomfortable in the church, Holy Mass will take place in Hayes Hall which is on a separate and more modern AC system. – Father Zig

Monday, July 8
 Tuesday, July 9
 7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (HH)
 Wednesday, July 10
 Thursday, July 11
 Friday, July 12
 Saturday, July 13
 Sunday, July 14

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HOLY HOUR CONCLUDES – Monday evening Holy Hour will be suspended during July and August. Holy Hour will resume on September 9th.

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.

BEYOND THE BEACON – Bishop Kevin Sweeney has a regular podcast entitled, BEYOND THE BEACON which has interesting guests and great topics. Also, check out COFFE WITH KUPKE and THE PAUL STREET JOURNAL on your preferred podcast platforms, such as Apple Podcasts or Spotify OR watch it on YOUTUBE.

Our Condolences to the Family of
Jorge Matos, Maryregina Puk & Eileen Traino
 Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord

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.

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>

Divine Mercy Academy News

Registration for the 2024-2025 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.

Transfer Grants and Scholarships are available to eligible students.

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.



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 CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

Religious Education



Registration for Religious Education classes for 2024-2025 is open now. Please go to the web site to register under the Faith Formation tab.

st-cecilia.org

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



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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.

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

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

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

Come join the Sisters of Christian Charity for their 11th Annual Golf Outing and Inaugural Pickleball Clinic and Round Robin at Fiddler’s Elbow Country Club, Bedminster, NJ, on Monday, September 23, 2024. For more information go to <https://www.sccus.org/golf>.

Morris Catholic High School

Morris Catholic High School is still accepting applications for the Class of 2028 and transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Scholarship and Financial Aid are still available for qualifying students.

Learn more about Morris Catholic through our Admissions events!

You can sign up for these events at <https://www.morriscatholic.org/admission/>

We are offering in-person campus tours for all families interested. Contact admissions@morriscatholic.org to schedule one of these visits or for more information about our application process!

You can also visit www.morriscatholic.org to learn more about all of our athletic, academic, and extracurricular programs.



My dear parishioners,

We commemorate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the Lord's Day. Today the vocation of disciple-prophet is being presented to us and specifically the call to speak in the Lord's Name. The task is one which many times is met with insults and derision by strangers and relatives. This is apparent in today's Gospel with the rejection of Jesus as He speaks to those of His home town. They want to "cut him down to their own size" as they say, "who does he think he is speaking to us like this?" They reject His words and they refuse to believe in Him for which they are at a loss because Jesus is unable to perform any miracles there because of "their lack of faith."

As previously noted the prophetic vocation is not a glamorous one but rather one which produces pain and a sense of powerlessness. This is evident in the words the Apostle Paul wrote in his second correspondence to the Church in Corinth. He reminds himself, and shares with his listeners the words which the Lord spoke to comfort him, "*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.*" The Apostle Paul comes to realize that the vocation to which God has called him will be one in which the Lord will not abandon him but will rather uphold him. Paul testifies, "*Therefore, I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*"

Recalling the Old Testament reading we find the Prophet Ezekiel being deputized by God and commissioned to go and speak in the Name of the Lord. He is forewarned that his proclamation will not be accepted by all but that the message must be announced so that truth may become evident to the righteous.

This Sunday's Scriptures remind us of our prophetic vocation which was given to us at baptism when the priest anointed us with Sacred Chrism and said, "He (God) now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life." YOU and I share in the vocation of prophet! We are charged with the task of testifying to the truth and proclaiming the Gospel. This is not an easy assignment. We will be humiliated by both family and strangers to upholding Christ AND His teachings in our secular culture. It will be uneasy at times and painful at others but it's the mission we have been given. Know that we stand in good company with the Lord Jesus, the Apostle Paul and the Prophet Ezekiel so there is nothing to fear accept the loss of heaven. So go out and WITNESS, SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
July 14

KATERI was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri and transfigured her face. She was adopted by her two aunts and an uncle.

Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the new Christian colony of Indians in Canada. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 7, 1680, at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks."



PRAYER Lord, You called the Virgin, Blessed Kateri, to shine forth among the Indian people as an example of purity of life. Grant, through her intercession, that all peoples of every tribe, tongue, and nation, may be gathered into Your Church and proclaim Your greatness in one song of praise. Amen.

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