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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, August 12, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

6:30 am — Marie McKeown req. by Zenkert Family

8:00 am - Joanna & Walter Lech req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

Tuesday, August 13, Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

6:30 am — Special Intention

8:00 am — Nicole Glazewski req. by her mom, Barbara Quinby

Wednesday, August 14, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

6:30 am — Special Intention: Helen Tejano req. by Family

8:00 am — Bernard & Joan McDonnell req. by McDonnell Family

4:30 pm — For the parishioners of our church

Thursday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 am — Kevin Doughty req. by McDonnell Family

8:00 am — Ernie Juretschke req. by Ed & Mary Merz

7:00 pm — For the parishioners of our church

Friday, August 16, Saint Stephen of Hungary

6:30 am — Joseph Talar req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am — Elizabeth Purcell req. by her sister, Sophie Boylan

Saturday, August 17, Weekday

8:00 am — Florence Oliaku Njeze req. by Carol McGotty

Sunday, August 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 am — For the deceased members of the Cables Family

Michael A. Miller req. by his wife, Bernadette

7:00 pm — Mary Ellen Lusardi req. by Ed & Elaine Hart

Eduardo Balbuena req. by Maritza, Melanie, Maxine Montemarano

8:00 am — Joseph V. DeLiberto, Jr. req. by Elaine & Tom Potkalesky

Maria Torres req. by Jose, Brian & Emmanuel

9:15 am — Merrill Connor req. by Family

John Laner req. by Graner Family

10:45 am — Quintin & Ilse Villanueva req. by Carol & Gary McGotty

Andrea Finnegan req. by Naclerio Family

12:15 pm — Special Intention: Barto Lopez req. by Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Gorica, Sam Sessa, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Elvira Bugaoan, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Jim Rattay, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Cheryl Anne Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, Kimberly Dugan, Gale Sessa, Mike Murray, 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, 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 Appar, Richard Sala, Richard Cortese, Kira Woyce, Anthony D'Alessio, Colin Brown.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : August 4, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 7,582.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 5,562.50
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 13,144.50

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 25,000.00

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,169.23)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (615.63)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

Our Condolences to the Family of
Sonia Carmeli and Zachary Zendran
Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord

FAMILY & *faith*
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We are online: www.st-cecilia.org



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.

HOLY DAY – The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven will be observed in our parish with a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, August 14th at 4:30 p.m. Holy Masses on Thursday, August 15th will be celebrated in the morning at 6:30 and 8 o'clock. Holy Mass will also be celebrated in the evening at 7 o'clock. This is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!

CHUCK LINNELL – Our music minister, Chuck Linnell, has informed me that he is stepping down from his position effective September 1st. We have been blessed with Chuck's ministry at Saint Cecilia's for the past seven years. Chuck and his family are members of our parish so we will continue to see them and occasionally benefit from Chuck's musical talent. Let us pray that Saint Cecilia, Patroness of our parish and of Church Music, will send us a worthy replacement! – Father Zig

CEMETERY NEWS – The Stations of the Cross at the parish cemetery are showing wear and are in need of replacement. Over the next several weeks the Stations will be removed and new fixtures will be installed with the same memorial designation as on the previous Stations. The newly installed Stations will be blessed at the All Souls Service which will take place on All Saints Day, Friday, November 1st at 12 Noon.

**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

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Recognizing a vital practical need in his community, 29 year old Father Michael McGivney proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members. To symbolize that allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith, the organization took as its patron Christopher Columbus, who was recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of the Americas. Thanks to Father McGivney's persistence, the Knights of Columbus officially assumed corporate status in 1882.

For information on the Knights of Columbus please go to www.KofC.org/joinus. Saint Cecilia Parish is served by two councils: #3359-Our Lady of the Lakes Council (Denville) and #514-Lafayette Council (Wharton). **ALL CATHOLIC MEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS!**



SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE

If you would like to receive emails or text messages with important information regarding our parish life **PLEASE SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE**. This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from here at St. Cecilia Church. To register simply text SCC2020 to 84576 OR go to the home page of our website: st-cecilia.org and there you will find other ways to register for this important communication tool.

Monday, August 12**Tuesday, August 13**

7:00 pm—Anniversary Steering Committee Meeting (HH)

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

Wednesday, August 14

8:30 am—Soup Kitchen (HH)

Thursday, August 15

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, August 16**Saturday, August 17****Sunday, August 18**

KIOSK – The kiosk located in the church vestibule has been recently refreshed with new materials for your spiritual edification and devotion. Your donation for the material may be placed in the receptacle located at the bottom of the kiosk.

VIEW THE VOWS – Sister John Paul and the Sisters of Christian Charity invite you to join them remotely for the Profession of Vows on Thursday, August 15th at 10:30 a.m. For livestream please go to <https://scus.org/videos>. Sister John Paul will be making her final profession on this day and we offer our congratulations and prayer-filled best wishes.

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

Empowering and serving pregnant women in need. Can you spare 3 hours a week?

 **Life
Advocates
of NJ**

Sidewalk Advocates are desperately needed to serve as a beacon of hope and help to abortion-bound women entering the Pilgrim Abortion Clinic in Montclair. The team of LIFE ADVOCATES OF NJ's mission is to empower these troubled women, many of whom are in poverty and facing unsurmountable obstacles, having little or no support. Through the efforts of faithful volunteers, countless babies (and their mothers) have been spared from physical, emotional and spiritual scars of abortion. Volunteers are needed early mornings, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Training and literature handouts are provided free by Life Advocates of New Jersey. **If you feel called to this special ministry, please contact Adrianna Rowatti, Director: 845-680-6491 office, lifeadvocatesnj@protonmail.com www.lifeadvocatesnj.org**

Divine Mercy Academy News

NEW PRINCIPAL – I would like to welcome our new principal to Divine Mercy Academy, Mrs. Kelly Casella. Mrs. Casella's teaching career has only been in Catholic education within the Archdiocese of Newark with both elementary and high school experiences serving as teacher and administrator. I look forward to her leadership as we begin our new school year on September 3rd and our pre-school on September 4th.

Father Zig

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.

Divine Mercy Academy has the following openings for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Part-time art teacher
Part-time afterschool care aides**

If interested, please contact Amy Servidio at aservidio@dmarockaway.org or call 973-627-6003. In addition, please send your cover letter, resume, and certifications to aservidio@dmarockaway.org

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

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!

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.

OUTRAGE AT OLYMPICS—As most of you are aware there was a blasphemous portrayal of The Last Supper at the Opening Ceremonies of the Paris Olympics last week. Drag Queens portrayed our Lord and His Apostles at the event which is most sacred for Christians. Should you be moved, you may express your discontent with an email to the following address: contact@paris2024.org

I share this information with you as it was announced on the Catholic Faith Network on Monday, July 29th, (Optimum Cable Channel 137). As your pastor, I recommend that we express our discontent with this disgraceful portrayal which is so offensive to Christians around the world.—Fr. Zig

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



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>.

DANIEL – The Sight and Sound production of DANIEL will be shown in a number of movie theaters on Friday, August 30 to September 2. Tickets can be purchased for the theater showings (check AMC at the Rockaway Mall). You can go to the Sight and Sound website for additional information.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

WHO: Hosted by MARCH FOR LIFE – ALL ARE WELCOME

WHAT: Paterson Diocese New Jersey March for Life

Where: Trenton, NJ

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Mass: 9:30 AM **Rally:** 11:00 AM **March for Life:** 12:00 PM
The Dobbs Decision of June 24, 2022 reversed the Roe V. Wade decision of 1973. Come join us in our March for Life in Trenton as we peacefully rally and march for the dignity of the human person.

HOW: RSVP and reserve a roundtrip bus ride, go to insidethe walls.org/njmarchforlife

A head count is needed to reserve the buses.

Please register ASAP.

Roundtrip bus: \$35.00 person

Enter payment as a student donation.



Dear Parishioners,

We gather on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time for the celebration of the Eucharist in our commemoration of the Lord's Day. We continue in our reading of the 6th chapter of the Gospel of Saint John known as the "Bread of Life Discourse." Resuming where we left off last Sunday, today's pericope shows us how the Lord is being challenged by those whom He fed, as well as their lack of understanding. The Lord Jesus identifies Himself as coming from God and that those who come to Him encounter the Divine Presence—"I AM THE LIVING BREAD THAT HAS COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN." The Lord Jesus invites His listeners to see Him as the nourishment they need for their journey through life into everlasting life.

The Old Testament reading tells us about the Prophet Elijah whose journey has become filled with anxiety and weariness. The Lord provides food for his journey so that he may complete it successfully. Relying on this nourishment the prophet is assured of God's tender care so that he may not weaken but remain strong as he proceeds to the place the Lord as directed. This episode in Elijah's life is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist which the Lord provides for us during our earthly journey.

In our partaking of the Eucharist we are called to become like Christ, the One whom we consume. We are dismissed from the Holy Mass to go out into the world as "other Christs." The Apostle Paul reminded the Ephesians of this call as we have it in today's epistle reading, "*So be imitators of God, as beloved children. And live in love, as Christ loved us and handed Himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.*" The "Bread of Life" whom we receive at the Holy Mass strengthen us so that we may meet the challenges of life and even sacrifice ourselves for the sake of the Gospel.

As these weeks in which we read from the "Bread of Life Discourse" speak powerfully regarding our Lord's real presence in the Eucharist, we are reminded about the Holy Mass. In the sacrament of Holy Orders the Bishop and Priest preside in the place of Christ to bring forth the Blessed Sacrament. We need to always pray for our bishops and priests that they will serve with humility and honor in the loving example of Jesus. Let us pray for many and good vocations to the priesthood. Let us remember that: NO PRIEST, NO EUCHARIST!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

ST. MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, Priest and Martyr
August 14

MAXIMILIAN was born in 1894 in Poland and became a Franciscan. He contracted tuberculosis and, though he recovered, he remained frail all his life. Before his ordination as a priest, Maximilian founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady. After receiving a doctorate in theology, he spread the Movement through a magazine entitled "The Knight of the Immaculata" and helped form a community of 800 men, the largest in the world.

Maximilian went to Japan where he built a comparable monastery and then on to India where he furthered the Movement. In 1936 he returned home because of ill health. After the Nazi invasion in 1939, he was imprisoned and released for a time. But in 1941 he was arrested again and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz.

On July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die. Father Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. And he was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst and neglect. He was canonized in 1982 by Pope John Paul II.

PRAYER Lord, You inflamed St, Maximilian with love for the Immaculate Virgin and filled him with zeal for souls and love for neighbor. Through his prayers, grant that we may work strenuously for Your glory in the service of others and so be made conformable to Your Son until death. Amen.

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