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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 19, Saint John Eudes, Priest

6:30 am—Special Intention

8:00 am - Patricia Zayac req. by Rychlicki Family

Tuesday, August 20, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am—Joseph O'Keefe req. by Latuja Family

8:00 am—Deceased Members of the Scruggs Family

Wednesday, August 21, Saint Pius X, Pope

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

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

Thursday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am—Special Intention: Michael Sebastian req. by Family

8:00 am—Jackie Amatucci req. by Edward Jozwiak

Friday, August 23, Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

6:30 am—Monsignor Charles Powers

8:00 am—Joseph V. DeLiberto, Jr., req. by Noreen Breslauer

Saturday, August 24, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 am—Monsignor Denis Hayes

Sunday, August 25, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 am—Patricia Zayac req. by Marie Wahlstrom

Concetta Sossonq req. by Elaine & Tom Potkalesky

7:00 pm—Jeanne & Bill Gallagher req. by their daughter, Jan

Russell Colditz req. by his wife, Ana

8:00 am—Brian Comacho req. by Amy & Albert Lopez

Alan Budd req. by Naomi & Steve Drabik

9:15 am—Claire Suto req. by loving nieces, Linda & Carline

Frederick & Mary Brussell req. by McDonnell Family

10:45 am—Renato Sebastian & Antonita DeJesus req. by Family

Ray Frederick req. by Seligmuller Family

12:15 pm—Gerald Pagano, Sr. req. by Family

Joseph Francesco Stango req. by Mary from

Zen Parlour

Ron & Florence Guarducci req. by Joanne Gula &

Alice Koller

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : August 11, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 7,896.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 5,562.50
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 13,458.50

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,313.73

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (855.23)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,470.85)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

Our Condolences to the Family of
Marie Neander and Irene Shucavage
Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord

LABOR DAY MASS – Only one Mass will celebrated in our parish on Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd at 9 o'clock in the morning. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at the parish cemetery, weather permitting. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair. In the event of rain the Mass will take place in the church. The regular mass schedule resumes on Tuesday, September 3rd.

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 Apgar, Richard Sala, Richard Cortese, Kira Woyce, Anthony D'Alessio, Colin Brown, Anthony Gerardi, Olivia Gerardi, Katherine Lynn.



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.

The Compassionate Friends-Parsippany Chapter; A Self-Help group for bereaved PARENTS, SIBLINGS, and GRANDPARENTS, **ALL** meetings are held every **2nd Thursday** of each month, our next in-person scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 7:30pm; NEW LOCATION: 427 Franklin Road, Denville, NJ, Union Hill Presbyterian Church/Pre-School- All Purpose Room (Back Entrance; Enter Through Kitchen). Program for September 12, 2024:

"The Person I have Become VS. The Person I Was"

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

CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you or an adult you know has been leaning toward becoming a Catholic, our bulletin will have invitations to get more information about what is involved with no expectations or pressure. Look for the new heading: OCIA. "The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults." The updated translation of the original English version of what we know as the RCIA, is the process by which unbaptized adults can learn about and prepare for Baptism, and those already baptized Catholic can prepare to complete their membership in the Church by the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also welcome into the same into our OCIA community, Christians already baptized and now choosing to take a new step in their relationship with God by coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

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.

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 19
Tuesday, August 20
 7:45 pm—*Light of Christ Prayer Group (HH)*
Wednesday, August 21
 8:30 am—*Soup Kitchen (HH)*
Thursday, August 22
Friday, August 23
 6:00 pm—*St. Monica Gathering (HH)*
Saturday, August 24
Sunday, August 25

GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1999 or 1974? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 16, 2024.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

St. Therese, The Little Flower Ministry would like to invite you to an event with Bishop Kevin Sweeney. The event will be on Sunday, September 29th at 1:45 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 10 N. Pocono Rd. in Mountain Lakes. It is not a Mass. We will celebrate two feast days, St. Therese the Little Flower and St. Michael the Archangel (which is the actual feast day of St. Michael). We will have the Knights of Columbus, two bagpipers, a NYC Broadway singer, the organist and choir director from St. Catherine's Church. **All are welcome!**

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

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, lfeadvocatesnj@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 Cacella. Mrs. Cacella'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@dmrockaway.org or call 973-627-6003. In addition, please send your cover letter, resume, and certifications to aservidio@dmrockaway.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

HELP NEEDED—Volunteers are needed to assist in the laundering of the linens used during the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. You would be put on a schedule once every 4 to 6 weeks. If you are interested or **need more information**, please call or stop by the parish office—973-627-0313. Thank you!

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.

FILIPINO CELEBRATION – The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries will celebrate the memory of two Filipino Saints, San Lorenzo Ruiz De Manila and San Pedro Calungsod De Cebu on Saturday, September 28th at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street in Rockaway. The ceremony begins with the praying of the Holy Rosary and Novena at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m. His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney will serve as the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. Refreshments will follow the serve in the church hall. Parking is available at the Skylands Medical Building across the street from the church. Filipino attire is encouraged. **MARAMING SALAMAT PO!!!**

PADRE PIO – The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at 10 o’clock in the morning in the votive chapel located in the rear of the church. The hour long gathering includes praying the Holy Rosary and discussing the monthly meditation material sent from San Giovanni Rotondo in Italy. All are welcome to attend!

HOLY HOUR – Holy Hour resumes on Monday, September 9th from 7 to 8 p.m. The praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet concludes Holy Hour. Confessions are heard during Holy Hour.

SAINT CECILIA PRESENTS –“Saint Cecilia Presents...” is a monthly faith formation presentation for adults which resumes in September. An interesting program of guest speakers has been prepared and will be announced shortly. Check the bulletin board in the church for the advertisement.

HANDICAPPED SEATING – Work will begin shortly in altering the first pew in front of the altar of Saint Joseph to accommodate persons with walkers and wheelchairs. This space will be designated for those persons who need a little extra room to participate in the liturgy as part of the worshiping community.

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.

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>.

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.



My dear parishioners,

Today is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time and in our liturgical assembly we continue reading from the 6th chapter of the Gospel of John which is called “the Bread of Life Discourse.” Our Lord continues to invite His listeners into recognizing Him as real food which nourishes for eternal life. The Lord does not retreat from stating that “...*my flesh is true food, and my blood true drink*” which shocks those who listen to Him. He tells them that He was sent by the Father to be bread for the world. Just as the Father had provided bread for the Israelite refugees in their journey to the Promised Land, so too has Jesus been sent to be the food for everlasting life.

Both the Old Testament reading and the Epistle speak of wisdom. The Book of Proverbs portrays wisdom as that generous and hospitable one who extends an invitation to all to come and delight in the meal which she has prepared. This invitation is extended to all and the menu will satisfy all who participate in this fare. The wise will eagerly respond to the invitation whereas the fool will decline because of the evil which is in the world. This point comes through in the epistle reading from the Ephesians. The Apostle Paul admonishes his listeners to conduct themselves not in ignorance but with spiritual integrity. He speaks liturgically encouraging “...*addressing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and praying to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.*” With wisdom the faithful gather on the first day of the week to celebrate the feast of thanksgiving, the Eucharist, in which the Body and Blood of Christ is consumed by the faithful. The Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday reminds us of how blessed we are to TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD. We believe the Lord Jesus when He says, “*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*” Christ living within us motivates us to imitate Him as we leave the Holy Mass and return to our daily life. His presence within us brings hope AND HEALING TO THE WORLD.

WISDOM and FOOLISHNESS is something to consider as we think about “the Bread of Life.” In foolishness some think that the Holy Eucharist is something which can be easily replaced with mundane “appetites.” Attendance at the weekly celebration of Holy Mass on the Lord’s Day is optional-so the fool thinks! The wise rejoice and yearn to come into the Lord’s presence to be united with Him in the Sacred Meal of the Holy Mass. Wisdom and foolishness are the choices which we have. Only the fool will reject the words of Jesus who said: “*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day.*”

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

ST. ROSE OF LIMA, Virgin
August 23 — Patroness of South America

ISABEL DE FLORES Y DEL OLIVA, called Rose by her mother because of her red cheeks and confirmed with that name by St. Turibius de Mogrovejo, was the first person in the Americas to be canonized as a Saint. Born at Lima, Peru, in 1586, she worked long and hard to help support her family, growing flowers and doing embroidery and other needlework.

Having taken a vow of virginity early in life, she consistently refused to marry and at twenty years of age became a Dominican Tertiary, and lived in a summerhouse in the garden of her home. Here she practiced extreme penance and mortification, modeling her life after that of St. Catherine of Siena.

St. Rose bore her many and great adversities with heroic patience and consoled the sick and suffering among the poor, Indians, and slaves. Consequently, she is regarded as the originator of social service in Peru. She died in 1617 at thirty-one years of age and was canonized in 1671 by Pope Clement X.

PRAYER God, You filled St. Rose with love for You and enabled her to leave the world and be free for You through the austerity of penance. Through her intercession, help us to follow her footsteps on earth and enjoy the torrent of Your delights in heaven. Amen.



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