

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 @ 3:00—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)

OCIA—ORDER 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 Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
Closed for lunch: 12:00 to 1:00

Monday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30 am — Mary Brussell req. by McDonnell Family

8:00 am — Dolores Socha req. by Fr. Zig

Tuesday, October 8, Weekday

6:30 am — Jamie Peck req. by Ellen Shapiro

8:00 am — Sister Stephanie Olek req. by Anna Jozwiak

Wednesday, October 9, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions,**Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest**

6:30 am — Henry Gawryszeski req. by Carol & Carla

8:00 am — Sister Stephanie Olek req. by Ag Struble

Thursday, October 10, Weekday

6:30 am — Joseph & Elizabeth Peplowski req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am — Carlene Levitz req. by German Family

Friday, October 11, Saint John XIII, Pope

6:30 am — Judy Wildzumas req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am — Anna Lucia Zangari req. by Rosemary Matis

Saturday, October 12, Weekday

8:00 am — Mary Simard req. by daughter, Suzette

Sunday, October 13, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm — Anna Lucia Zangari req. by Nina & Bob Roberti

Patricia Zayac req. by Loretta & Rich Gareau

7:00 pm — Al Cuneo req. by Ag Struble & Family

James Deegan req. by Mary Ann Deegan

8:00 am — Davidson Jean-Francois req. by Viviane

9:15 am — Rosemary & Martin Matis req. by their daughter

10:45 am — Mario Zambrano req. by Family

Chet Zazenski, 10th Anv, req. by Kathy & Al Nassaney

12:15 pm — Marie Bernier req. by Marie Wahlstrom

Juno F. Bengson req. by Glen Feliciano Family

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : September 29, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 9,078.98
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,866.50
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 13,945.48

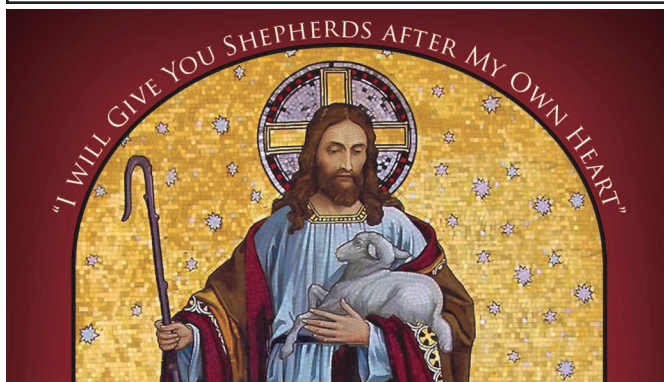
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,313.73

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (368.25)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (5,336.45)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



*The Sanctuary Candle burning on our altar
this week is in loving memory of
Russell Colditz
Requested by his wife, Ana*

**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 DiStasio, 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, 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, Sophie Boylan, Michael Gatzke, Philip Colombrito.



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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OCIA (formerly RCIA) BEGINS

THE OCIA process begins with five short INQUIRY meetings between the 9:15 Mass and the 10:45 Mass in the Parish Office. Registration is appreciated, but not required. Come, ask your questions!!

Sept 29- Welcome, An overview and your Questions

Oct. 6 - Living Baptism (Sacraments)

Oct. 20 - Following Jesus (Scripture)

Oct. 27- What the Church Teaches (Apostles' Creed)

Nov. 3 - Living Catholic (Commandments & Beatitudes)

Contact Sister Diane at the parish office for info

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

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY—Monday, October 14th is a national holiday, Columbus Day. Our parish office will be closed; Divine Mercy Academy will be closed. Holy Hour and the Evening Bible Study will not take place.

ROSARY PROCESSION WITH BISHOP – You are invited to join Bishop Kevin Sweeney and the faithful of the diocese for a Rosary procession which will take place on Sunday, October 6th beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Saint Vincent Martyr Church in Madison (26 Green Village Road). The intention is to pray the Rosary for our country. The event will occur rain or shine. Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for additional information.

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!*

**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:**



RESPECT LIFE CONVOCATION IN DENVILLE – Saint Mary Church in Denville will host this year's diocesan Respect Life Convocation on Saturday, October 26th from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Join Bishop Kevin Sweeney and the faithful around the Diocese of Paterson in prayer for life, family and country. Deepen your faith with us through the family Rosary, reflections on the gift of life and Holy Mass. Families are welcome. To register visit: www.insidethewalls.org/respect-life-convocation.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GUYS – Bishop Kevin Sweeney extends an invitation to young men to join him for dinner at one of the "Project Andrew Dinners" which will take place in the diocese. The evening includes dinner, prayer and discussions with the Bishop who is joined by seminarians. Upcoming dinners are: Friday, October 18th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Boonton; 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. AND Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morristown on Sunday, November 17th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event is free of charge. Register for either event by calling the Vocations Office at 973.777.8818. ext 715.

FATHER AND SON HIKE – Fathers and sons of high school age are invited to join with Bishop Kevin Sweeney on a hike through the Mount Hope Historical Park on Saturday, October 19th. Participants are asked to meet at 9:30 am at Saint Bernard Rectory on Mount Hope Road. Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the hike. The event is free of charge.

VIVERE CHRISTUS EST AWARD – Jim Gallagher will be the recipient of this year's *VIVERE CHRISTUS EST AWARD*. This annual diocesan award is given to an individual whose dedication to the Church is manifested through a life of service to the parish. The ceremony will take place in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist on Sunday, October 20th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. All are welcome to attend the event. *Congratulations and thank you Jim for your devotions to Saint Cecilia's – Father Zig*

Monday, October 7

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, October 8

9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Steering Committee Meeting (Parish Office)

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

Wednesday, October 9

Divine Mercy Academy closed

7:00 pm—Festa Cecilia Planning Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, October 10**Friday, October 11**

Divine Mercy Academy & the Parish Office noon closure

Saturday, October 12

8:30 am—Men's Society Meeting (Hayes Hall)

Sunday, October 13

8:00 pm—LTP (Hayes Hall)

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.

Pope John XXIII High School will be hosting our Fall Open House Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Students and their families are invited to meet members of our high school community and learn about our academic, athletics and extracurricular programs. Grounded in Catholic tradition and through our campus ministry program, Pope John prepares its students to be well-rounded, confident citizens who can meet the demands of higher education and the challenges of the world beyond. Come see what it means to be a Lion!

Prospective families are asked to RSVP at www.popejohn.org/admissions/open-house or email admissions@popejohn.org. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our wonderful community with your family.

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

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.



HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE—The Saint Monica Guild will hold a holiday bake sale in Hayes Hall after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 26-27. Complimentary coffee will be provided on Sunday morning as you browse through the wide variety of sweets available for sale. Your support of this fund raiser is greatly appreciated.

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.

2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “United In Faith, Hope, Love”

There are a number of ways to support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Parishioners can make a one-time gift, a pledge payable over five months, or a recurring monthly gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. By making a recurring gift, you are helping ensure that your donation continues not just monthly but from year to year. You can adjust or cancel your recurring gift any time. Please know that any way you contribute to the 2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal is a blessing to all the people that are served. May God bless you for your support! Please consider a donation to the 2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal.

OCTOBER ROSARY PROJECT – The Rosary Society of our parish is conducting the “October Rosary Project” to encourage daily praying of the Holy Rosary. This prayer was promoted by the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917 when she appeared to the seers at Fatima and requested that the Rosary be prayed every day for the conversion of sinners and for peace in the world. You are invited to take a Rosary (which has been blessed) and a guide on how to pray the Rosary which can be found on the table located in the church vestibule. Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary- Pray for us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Members of the Knights of Columbus will make a presentation regarding membership on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. The Knights are a very important Catholic men’s organization which assist the Church internationally as well as locally. Our parish is served by two councils: 3359 in Denville and 514 in Wharton. Members will be in front of the church for your questions and comments.

FESTA CECILIA – A meeting to plan the 3rd annual FESTA CECILIA will take place on Wednesday, October 9th in Hayes Hall beginning at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend as we discuss our upcoming Festa Cecilia which will take place on Friday, November 15th from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Hayes Hall.

KofC, Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359 Golf Outing – October 11, 2024—Join us for the Knights of Columbus Golf Outing on Friday, October 11, 2024, at Rock Ridge Golf Course. This exciting event supports Divine Mercy Academy and various KofC community initiatives. All are welcome to participate in a day of golf while contributing to a great cause. For more details, please contact Vinny Lusardi at 319-270-9610 or Jeff Zuber at 973-727-9010. You can also find a flyer with additional information at www.kofc3359.org. Donations are also welcome!

Faith Formation 2024-2025

We are excited to begin a new formation year here at St. Cecilia's. Registration is open for public school students in grades K-8th. This includes sacrament preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

We also have a number of other Faith Formation opportunities for children and adults. Don't miss out on the great opportunity we have to receive and pass on the faith for ourselves and our children.

All program information and how to register is available on our website: www.St-Cecilia.org/FaithFormation

Please contact Jim Clancy if you have any questions.
StCecilia.FaithFormation@gmail.com

SHREDDING AT SACRED HEART – The Women’s Society of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street is holding a shredding event on Saturday, October 12th from 9 – 11:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to dispose of your confidential papers in a trustworthy manner. Your support of this fund raiser is greatly appreciated.

Men’s Trivia Night—Save the date for a fun night out for the men of the parish. Join us on Sunday, October 20th in Hayes Hall from 8:00 – 10:00 pm for trivia night! This is a 21+ event and is BYOB. The Sunday night NFL game between the Jets and Steelers will be on the big screen too!

Come out for some good competition, fellowship, and refreshments. No RSVP is necessary.

Morris County Right to Life, is organizing a 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil this fall. It will run daily from Sept 25 through Nov 3rd between 7am and 7pm in front of the Planned Parenthood at 196 Speedwell Avenue in Morristown. Please consider signing up to join us for 1 or more hours per week to pray for the protection of babies in the womb who are routinely lost at this clinic. Prayer and presence have been proven effective in saving babies’ lives. You can sign up online at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-search.aspx> or by contacting Frances Spilman at: 44lifeus@gmail.com

SAINT CECILIA PRESENTS – The 2nd session of “Saint Cecilia Presents” will take place on Thursday, October 17th on the topic of EXCORCISMS. Father Marc Mancini, Judicial Vicar of the diocese and Pastor of Saint James Parish in Totowa will be the presenter. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Hayes Hall.



My dear parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we mark the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Sacred Scriptures which are presented to us speak of the joining of a man and a woman and, in their love for one another, a family is brought forth. The Holy Scriptures define marriage and also alert us to the sinfulness which can break this union which is intended by God to be unbreakable. Unfortunately due to sin the covenant of marriage has not only been redefined but also looked upon as a non permanent relationship in our society.

Fidelity and commitment are concepts foreign to many in our culture. Temporary and disposable are how many in our society view not only marriage but various aspects of human life. This indicates a “false love”, or perhaps a self love which is so self-ish and self centered that “the other” is expendable.

In the Sacrament of marriage the man and the woman receive the Church’s blessing so that they are consecrated to one another for life. God’s grace is bestowed upon them so that they may experience the joys and struggles of marriage with the help which comes from above so as to remain faithful to each other “in good times and in bad.” This is a reflection of Christ’s love for His bride the Church. Thus the marriage union is one which the Sacred Scriptures sees as holy.

Church weddings are on the decline. Unfortunately many Catholics do not see the importance of a sacramental marriage taking place in the sacred place of the church but rather are more concerned with the wedding venue and all that it offers. Marriages not conducted before a priest (or deacon) are illicit and are devoid of sacramental character.

Children are the fruit of married love which the Creator-God called man and woman to bring forth. Children are the blessing which the Lord Jesus in today’s Gospel pericope welcomes as He admonishes those who look upon them as “problems.” The problem is with those who will not support the coming of the Kingdom of God as a result of their self-centered love. Children are to be welcomed in marriage. Children are to be welcomed in church. Children are to be welcomed in our society and not aborted but to be loved. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has often said that pets are more welcomed into homes than children- what a pity!

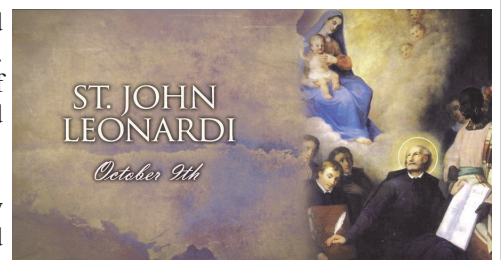
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

ST. JOHN LEONARDI, Priest
October 9th

St. John Leonardi was born in 1541 at Decimi in Lucca, Italy, and from childhood he manifested a desire to seek solitude and give himself to prayer and meditation. At the age of thirty-two he became a priest and guided many youths in the way of perfection. To convert sinners and restore Church discipline in Italy, he founded the Clerks Regulars of the Mother of God.

A contemporary of St. Philip Neri and St. Joseph Calasanz, he labored zealously for the defense of the Faith and in 1603, together with Cardinal Vives, he founded the College of the Propaganda. He died at Rome on October 9, 1609, while caring for the victims of the great plague, and was canonized in 1938 by Pope Pius XI.



Prayer God, the Giver of all good things, You had the Gospel preached to the people through St. John Your Priest. Grant, through his intercession, that the true Faith may spread always and everywhere. Amen.

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