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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 14, Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

6:30 am—Special Intention: Jean Asti req. by Friday Morning Rosary Group

8:00 am—Deceased Members of LaFountain Family req. by Agnes Maye

Tuesday, October 15, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

6:30 am—Midas Jean-Francois req. by Viviane

8:00 am—Richard Koppenaal req. by Susan & Anthony Nedo

Wednesday, October 16, Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

6:30 am—Christene McCarthy req. by Peggy McKinney

8:00 am—Sister Stephanie Olek req. by Roberta Vitusky

Thursday, October 17, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 am—Dolores Socha req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am—Thomas Boylan req. by his wife, Sophie Boylan

Friday, October 18, Saint Luke, Evangelist

6:30 am—Patricia Ianni req. by Martin & Etta Heagen

8:00 am—Anna Lucia Zangari req. by Kate Lyness

Saturday, October 19, Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Joques, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am—Mary Kulawiec

Sunday, October 20, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm—Michael A. Miller req. by Family

Anna Lucia Zangari req. by Maulbeck Family

7:00 pm—Ronnie Gatzke req. by Family

Louise Velotta req. by Family

8:00 am—Peggy Jean Lazaro req. by Margaret Kolakowski

9:15 am—Merrill Conner req. by Lyness Family

Kay Baumiller, 15th Anv., req. by loving nieces, Linda & Carline

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

Mario Rufino req. by Jeanine & Nicholas Losito

12:15 pm—Jeanne Gallagher req. by Elaine & Ed Hart

Louise Velotta & Ronnie Gatske req. by Rosalie & Bob Marmara

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : October 6, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 8,472.13
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,866.50
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 13,338.63

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (975.10)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (6,311.55)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

FROM THE PASTOR – Repair work began last week on the stained glass windows of the church to prevent water from entering the building and damaging the paint work as can be seen in the Padre Pio votive chapel. A sealant has been placed on the exterior of the windows so to prevent this from happening. Special equipment accompanied the fulfillment of this repair work on the church which was not anticipated. In addition, much needed repair work is being done on the roof of the custodian's home located next to the rectory. I want to inform you of these matters so that you will know how important your regular and generous Sunday offerings are in the payment of our expenses. May God bless you for the love you show for Saint Cecilia Parish! – Father Zig

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 OCIA Welcomes new members

This process is about welcoming new members to the Catholic Church and helping present adult members to prepare for Confirmation. We began with short INQUIRY meetings between the 9:15 Mass and the 10:45 Mass in the Parish Office. It is not too late to join us. Registration is appreciated, but not required. Come, ask your questions!!

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

ALL SAINTS DAY – The Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Thursday, October 31st at 4:30 p.m. Holy Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 1st at 6:30 and 8 o'clock in the morning and in the evening at 7 o'clock.

CEMETERY SERVICE – A brief ceremony will take place at the parish cemetery for the feast of All Souls on Saturday, November 2nd at 12 o'clock Noon. Please join us as we pray for the faithful departed.

ALL SOULS MONTH – The month of November is dedicated to the Souls of the Faithful Departed. You are encouraged to give a "Mass Offering" so that the departed loved ones may be remembered at the Masses which will be celebrated in our church in November. Their names will be placed on the altar for the month and be prayed for at every Mass. Also, you are invited to the altar of Saint Joseph where the names of the departed may be inscribed in the Book of the Dead.

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Support St. Cecilia Parish today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account: Visit www.st-cecilia.org and click Donate Online. Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That's it! **OR SCAN HERE:**



BEWARE OF SCAMS – Be on the alert of scams which say they are from me. THEY ARE NOT!!! Please call me at the office (973.627.0313x12) if you have **doubt** about a text, email, etc, which is supposedly from me asking for money, gift cards, favors, etc. **PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!!!**

Fr. Zig

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.

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 14*Columbus Day**Parish Office & DMA are closed***Tuesday, October 15***9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)**12:00 pm—Seniors Meeting (Hayes Hall)**7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)***Wednesday, October 16***8:30 am—Soup Kitchen (Hayes Hall)**7:00 pm—Vocations Meeting (Parish Office)**7:00 pm—Choir Practice (Church)***Thursday, October 17***7:00 pm—St. Cecilia Presents (Hayes Hall)***Friday, October 18***7:00 pm—Catacombs (Church & Hayes Hall)***Saturday, October 19***8:30 am—St. Monica Guild Meeting (Hayes Hall)**Life Runners Registration after all the Masses***Sunday, October 20***Life Runners Registration after all the Masses**7:00 pm—Men's Trivia Night (Hayes Hall)****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.

SAINT MARTIN COAT DRIVE – The Men's Society is sponsoring the annual "Saint Martin of Tours Coat Drive" on Saturday-Sunday, November 9 and 10. New coats for men, women and children may be placed on the designated table located in Hayes Hall. Also, clean and gently-used coats will also be accepted. The drive will benefit area homeless people for the upcoming cold weather. May God bless you for your generosity.

AFTER CANA – Married couples are invited to "After Cana" on Saturday, October 26th beginning at 8 o'clock in the evening. The gathering will take place in the church for a presentation followed by fellowship in Hayes Hall. The event is open to all married couples. Registration information can be found on the parish website or by calling the parish office (973.627.0313).

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



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”

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal serves thousands of people who rely on our support. Your gift plays a vital role in the work of dozens of Catholic Charities’ programs. It also supports seminarian education, Catholic urban education, Nazareth Village and retired priests’ healthcare needs. In addition, each parish receives half of all funds received over their parish goals, with over \$1,000,000 returned last year to parishes – and over \$4.7 million in five years! Please join us by helping those in need throughout our diocese and supporting our own parish. May God bless you for your participation in this worthwhile cause! Please consider a donation to the 2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal—visit www.2024appeal.org to make a gift today.

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.

AT THE MOVIES – The AMC Theater at the Rockaway Mall is scheduled to show two faith-based movies in the coming days. “*Heart of a Servant-The Father Flanagan Story*” has already appeared opening on October 8th. This is the story of Father Flanagan who founded BOY’S TOWN USA in Omaha, Nebraska for orphans and troubled youth. ALSO, “*Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story*” portrays the life of Michelle Duppong who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by His love. This film is scheduled to open November 12. Both Father Flanagan and Michelle Duppong have been given the title “Servant of God” as their causes for canonization have been sent to the Vatican.

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

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.

FESTA CECILIA – The third annual ‘FESTA CECILIA’ honoring our patron saint will take place in Hayes Hall on Friday, November 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event includes dinner and a brief program for both adults and children. The donation is \$20 per family. Reservations are a must by going to the parish website. Join us for a wonderful night of food, fun and faith!

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.

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



My dear parishioners,

Today marks the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. As I read the Sacred Texts which the Church presents to us on this Sunday I find that the word PURSUIT emerges as the theme for our reflection. Of course, PURSUIT for the Kingdom of God is what the believer is most interested in as one journeys through life. We know that there are people for whom faith has no bearing in life and that the seeking of the things of this world is the only goal to which they are committed. The Old Testament Book of Wisdom portrays the one who seeks after “spiritual realities” rather than the material riches which have value in the world but are reduced to nothing in the world to come.

In the Gospel we are introduced to a man who is pursuing the Kingdom of God and is looking to Jesus for guidance. Even though he has been keeping the Commandments he has apparently placed too much emphasis on worldly concerns. His pursuit of earthly things has distracted him from a committed pursuit of the Kingdom of God, he is challenged to give up these concerns and focus on living as a disciple. In this passage the Apostle Peter speaks of all that the Apostles have given up in order to follow Jesus. Our Lord assures him that great blessings await for those who have committed themselves to the Kingdom of God, they will know abundance.

This Sunday’s Scripture readings remind us that the Word of God, which is alive and powerful, sets us forth in pursuit of the Kingdom of God. God’s word found in the Sacred Scriptures makes us accountable as we search in this world for that which we find worthwhile.

The followers of Jesus should be models of those who are willing to reject what the world values and actively pursue holiness. Such a lifestyle frees one from an aggressive consumerism. It makes room for a more tranquil life which is centered on God rather than on goods.

Our society lauds those who are aggressive and determined to achieve all that this world can offer. We see this attitude not only in adults but also being imposed upon children. Parents can add much stress to their children by waving before them the material goods of the world and telling them that these are to be pursued. How sad when the things of the Kingdom of God are not presented as the real treasures which are accrued for eternal life.

Today we are being asked, what are you pursuing? Is it more possessions, power, advancement? Is not the Kingdom of God worthy of our daily efforts to attain so that we may one day experience its wonder in eternal life?

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

ST. HEDWIG, Religious
October 16

Born in Bavaria in 1174, Hedwig was the daughter of the Duke of Croatia. In 1186, she was married to Henry I of Silesia and Poland to whom she bore seven children; after the birth of her last child, she and her husband vowed continence. She is best remembered for her great zeal for religion and her penitential mortifications, which led her to live like a hermit amidst her husband’s court. She donated her entire fortune to the Church and the poor, and after her husband’s death she entered the Cistercian convent of Trebnitz, which she had founded, among many others. She died in October, 1243, and was canonized in 1266 by Pope Clement IV.

PRAYER Almighty God, may the venerable intercession of St. Hedwig obtain heavenly aid for us, for her life constitutes a wonderful example of humility for all. Amen



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