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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 — sdmoughan@gmail.com

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 21, Weekday

6:30 am—Special Intention

8:00 am—Marie Shubilla req. by Roberta Vitcusk

Tuesday, October 22, Saint John Paul II, Pope

6:30 am—Joe Feola

8:00 am—Marie Shubilla req. by Susan Brennan

Wednesday, October 23, Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

6:30 am—Sophie & Stanley Calke req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am—Russell Colditz req. by wife, Ana

Thursday, October 24, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

6:30 am—Patrick J. Brennan req. by Latuja Family

8:00 am—Clare Jozwiak

Friday, October 25, Weekday

6:30 am—John Brussell, Sr. req. by McDonnell Family

8:00 am—Anna Lucia Zangari req. by Dana Roberti

Saturday, October 26, Weekday

8:00 am—Bob Berntsen req. by wife, Joyce

Sunday, October 27, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm—Helen Vitcusk req. by her daughter, Roberta

Betty Merz req. by Celeste & Michael Pocher

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

Jeanne & Bill Gallagher req. by their daughter, Jan

8:00 am—Tom Haynes, Sr. req. by Haynes Family

Peggy Jean Lazaro req. by Margaret Kolakowski

9:15 am—Merrill Connor req. by Family

Phyllis Kuhlmeier req. by her daughters, Linda & Carline

10:45 am—Marie Shubilla req. by Kevin Maulbeck

Wayne Faulkner req. by Matis Family

12:15 pm—Joseph Lusardi req. by Family

Anne Wahlstrom req. by Marie Wahlstrom

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : October 13, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 7,780.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,866.50
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 12,646.50

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,667.23)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (7,978.77)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



The Altar Flowers are in memory of
Louise Velotta & Ronnie Gatske

Donated by
Rosalie & Bob Marmara



We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

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, 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 - No Meeting

Nov. 10—Living Catholic (Commandments & Beatitudes)

Contact Sister Diane at sdmoughan@gmail.com 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

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.

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

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

FROM THE POLICE – The Rockaway Boro Police Department asked that I inform our parishioners of the following information: On Saturday, October 26th CHURCH STREET WILL NOT BE A ONE WAY STREET as is normal on Saturday evening. This is due to a Halloween event at Park Lake and a concern for traffic flow next Saturday afternoon and evening. I advise you, my parishioners, to take advantage of our parish parking lots next Saturday evening. This notice is for next Saturday, October 26th only. One way traffic will resume on Church Street Sunday morning. – Father Zig

Monday, October 21

8:00 am—DMA 8th grade retreat (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

7:00 pm—Protecting God's Children Class (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, October 24

7:00 pm—Anniversary meeting (Hayes Hall)

Friday, October 25

3:30 pm—Girl Scouts Service Project (Hayes Hall)

6:00 pm—Altar Server Training (Church)

Saturday, October 26

St. Monica Guild Bake Sale after all the Masses

8:00 pm—After Cana (Church & Hayes Hall)

Sunday, October 27

St. Monica Guild Bake Sale after all the Masses

8:00 pm—LTP (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.

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!

BLESSING OF IMAGES – Two new additional images will be placed in the Padre Pio Votive Chapel which have come to us recently: Saint Charbel Makhluf who was a monk of the Maronite Church of Lebanon known for his holiness and miracles. He entered eternal life in 1898. Also, the Blessed Ulma Family who were recently beatified. This pious Polish Family was executed by the Nazis for giving shelter to Jews who had come to them for help. We rejoice that we have received a relic of the Blessed Ulma Family through the efforts of Father Matt. Both holy images will be blessed and the relic venerated on Saturday, October 26th at the 8 o'clock morning Mass. HOLY SAINTS OF GOD, PRAY FOR US!

SAINT CECILIA PRESENTS – Join us for the next program on Wednesday, November 20th when Monsignor Geno Sylva, Rector of Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson will speak to us on the **2025 JUBILEE: PILGRIMS OF HOPE**. The Jubilee Begins on Christmas Eve and concludes in 2026. Monsignor Sylva is well versed in this subject as he worked at the Vatican dicastery which is responsible for the propagation of the Jubilee. We begin at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening in Hayes Hall. Participants will receive a Jubilee memento.

COMING TO THE MOVIES – A new film entitled, *Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story* will open at the AMC Theater at the Rockaway Mall on November 12th. The film tells the story of Michelle Duppong who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by God's love. Her cause for canonization has been submitted to the Vatican. She is given the title, Servant of God.

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

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!

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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE

Craft & Vendor Fair—St. Cecilia Church Hall
90 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866
Saturday, November 23, 2024
9:00 am—2:00 pm
For further information, email:
saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com

WHEN A PRIEST IS NEEDED—When a family member is sick and in need of a priest for the sacraments please call the parish office so that a priest will be notified of the request. ON THE WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS AND EVENINGS AFTER OFFICE HOURS, PLEASE CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER (862-251-3914) AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER CLEARLY AND A PRIEST WILL RESPOND. Please note that the hospital does not call the parish office to notify the priest if a parishioner is admitted. This becomes the families responsibility.



My dear parishioners,

This Sunday marks the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the Lord's Day. The Gospel reading portrays the Apostles James and John, as well as the other ten, of not comprehending what the Lord Jesus has been teaching them. The Apostles have thoughts of glory and the rewards which will be bestowed by Christ when He comes into His Kingdom. Humility and service do not enter into the minds of His followers nor does the suffering which will accompany this way of life. They are asked if they are prepared to follow Him in the suffering the Lord will endure before entering into His glory. Their quick response is a sign that they are not fully aware of the hardship which is associated with discipleship. Jesus calls them to humble service and to follow Him, "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."

After Jesus' glorification and the descent of the Holy Spirit the Apostles will show themselves as true disciples who go forth witnessing in the Holy Name of Jesus. Their lives are filled with sacrifice and service. Great suffering is endured by them as they go throughout the world preaching the message that whoever wants to be great must be the servant of all in imitation of Jesus. This lifestyle is that which catches the attention of the Almighty who looks upon His children who seek to do His will. Humble service is that which characterizes the life of a missionary. On this WORLD MISSION SUNDAY we are mindful of the women and men who are ministering throughout the world bringing the message of the Gospel to some of the poorest and remote areas of our planet. Away from their home and families, missionaries endure suffering and yet bring joy to the countless number of peoples they serve in Jesus' Name. The Church sends them forth to labor for the building of the Kingdom of God. They not only bring the Gospel of Salvation but they also work to reduce the hardships others endure as well as promote a better quality of life for the people they serve. Missionaries know well the suffering a servant endures for the benefit of others. I hope you will be generous in your offering today in support of missionaries throughout the world. If you forgot your offering today you can place it in the basket next Sunday with the proper identification.

The disciple's life is characterized by service and service is sacrificial. Service is continuous and does not end until we stand before the Lord in eternity. Next Sunday we will again be asked to serve those in need within the Diocese of Paterson through the annual DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL, formally known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This crucial appeal helps so many and is so important. I look forward to speaking to you about this next Sunday.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

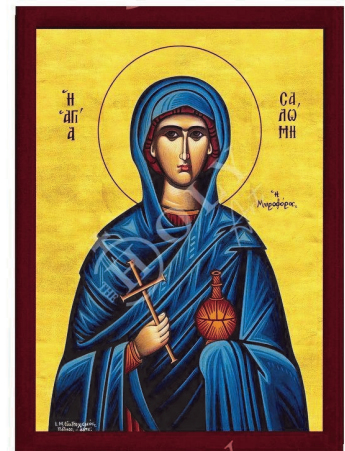
**ST. SALOME, Mother of the Apostles James and John
October 22—Patroness of Veroli**

ST. SALOME, whose name in Hebrew evokes prosperity and peace and corresponds to the Greek Irene, is thought to be a sister or cousin of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, mentioned by St. John as being one of the three women standing at the foot of the Cross. St. Mark calls this woman Salome and St. Matthew characterizes her as "the mother of the sons of Zebedee."

Mark also mentions her as one of the same three as they came to anoint the body of Jesus in the tomb early on Easter morning.

It was this holy woman who asked Jesus to give her two sons, James and John, a place of honor in His Kingdom. In His reply, Jesus addressed the two Apostles and lovingly directed them to the life of sacrifice, abnegation, and imitation of His sufferings. Their reward would come beyond the boundaries of time.

She is venerated as Patroness of the Church of Veroli, Italy, to which city an ancient tradition says she came, with two companions called Blasé and Demetrius, and proclaimed the Faith. Then at an advanced age she closed out her days in peace there, while her two companions bore witness to the Faith with their lives.



PRAYER God, You alone are holy and without You no one is good. Through the intercession of St. Salome, grant that we may so live as not to be deprived of Your glory. Amen.

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